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HH the Crown Prince

Kuwait urges OPEC to co-operate

HH The Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday urged OPEC members to co-operate to avoid the negative consequences of oil production quota violations.

Sheikh Saad, after chairing a meeting of Kuwait's Supreme Petroleum Council, stressed the need for co-operation among OPEC members to preserve the stability of the oil market.

Co-operation was necessary "to avoid the negative reflections in the future which may come as a result of violating (OPEC's) quota accord and production ceiling, which in turn will harm all exporting countries," Sheikh Saad said.

He also appealed to non-OPEC oil producers to consult and co-ordinate with OPEC members on matters which serve their common interests and keep

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4 killed as police storm hijacked bus

MASERU, Lesotho, Sept. 14. (Reuters) - South African police stormed a bus in the Lesotho capital of Maseru late tonight, rescuing most of the pilgrim hostages but killing four people and wounding 11.

The gunbattle erupted just 15 minutes after Pope John Paul drove through Maseru. The hijackers, holding 69 pilgrims, had demanded to meet the Pope, whose arrival in the small African kingdom of Lesotho was delayed most of the day when bad weather diverted his aircraft to South Africa. (See Page 2)

Collaborator killed in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (UPI) - Masked men forced a Palestinian suspected of collaborating with Israel out of his home early today and stabbed him to death in the West Bank's largest city, Palestinian sources said.

The body of Adly Thalgi, 30, was found before dawn in the old marketplace of Nablus near the same spot where another suspected collaborator's body was discovered last week.

Within the last three weeks there has been a spate of assaults on suspected Palestinian collaborators coinciding with renewed calls by the underground committee directing the nine-month-old uprising for attacks on those working with Israeli authorities.

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Firing

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STRASBOURG, France, Sept. 14. (Agencies) - Palestine Liberation Organisation chief Yasser Arafat, stating he is ready to meet Israeli officials to discuss establishing an independent Palestinian state, urged Israeli voters today to support "peace-lovers" among Jewish politicians.

Arafat appeared elated and made strikingly conciliatory remarks towards Israel in a news conference on the second day of a European Parliament visit.

Arafat used the offices of the Parliament as a platform to focus attention on his efforts to build a Palestinian state out of the nine-month-old uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Unequivocal

He issued yesterday his most unequivocal statement yet on PLO acceptance of UN resolutions that include recognition of Israel's right to exist, and called for an expanded UN role in the conflict.

Arafat stopped well short of announcing a provisional Palestinian government in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories. Such a move, Middle East experts said, would require the approval of the Palestine National Council (the Palestinian parliament-in-exile), which will meet in mid-October in Algiers.

"Let me announce that I am prepared to meet anybody from Israel in the United Nations if that is what they want," he said.

He also suggested the meeting could take place in the Security Council, in the General Assembly or in one of the countries of the Security Council members.

In a speech to the socialist group at the European Parliament Arafat said yesterday the decision by Jordan's King Hussein to sever ties with the

Resolutions

His other proposal was acceptance of those two resolutions and "the affirmation of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, and first of all, its right to self-determination."

Arafat today met Greek Foreign Minister Caros Papoulias, who holds the rotating presidency of the European Economic Community, of which the Parliament is the largely consultative elected assembly.

Arafat said the discussions were "very positive." Without giving details, he said he is trying to determine whether European, East-bloc and non-aligned states would recognise a Palestinian provisional government if one is declared in the occupied territories.

Arafat said at the press conference the PNC would choose between two options — to place the West Bank and Gaza Strip under international protection following an Israeli withdrawal, or declare a Palestinian state under Israeli occupation and set up a provisional government.

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Row over expulsions

LONDON, Sept. 14. (Agencies) - The Cuban embassy charged yesterday that its commercial attache, expelled along with the ambassador after opening fire in a London street and wounding a man, shot at a stalking CIA operative who had tried to get him to defect.

As the two envoys flew out within the 24-hour expulsion deadline, the embassy said the Central Intelligence Agency operative was a former Cuban diplomat who defected last June, and identified him as Florentino Azpilaga Lombard.

In a statement read on the embassy steps, First Secretary Roberto De Armas charged collusion between the British and US secret services over the incident — which enraged the



Arafat meets Rudi Arndt (left) president of the socialist group at the European Parliament in Strasbourg. (Reuter wirephoto)

to Israeli citizens for the Jewish new year, just over. He implicitly urged Israeli voters to back Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' Labour Party in coming elections over Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's conservative Likud Party.

Peres has supported the idea of an international conference on peace in the Middle East, which Shamir has opposed.

"We are proposing peace to those who wish for peace, and that is why I said 'Shana Tova' to all Jews and Israelis," Arafat said.

"Will they elect peace or war?" he asked. "Will they elect those who will stoke the fires, who will set fire to the region and cause a war to break out?"

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20 slain in Sikh attack

AMRITSAR, Sept. 14. (AP) - Sikhs militants opened fire in a grain market in the northern Indian state of Punjab, killing at least 20 people and wounding 60 others, a senior police official said today.

J.P. Virdee, senior superintendent of police for Patiala district, where the killings occurred late yesterday, said at least 10 masked gunmen entered the main grain market in Srinagar town, 190 kilometers (119 miles) southeast of Amritsar, and opened fire on

Twenty of the injured were in serious condition. Virdee said. Seven women and five children were among others injured.

The assailants fired into the crowd for nearly 15 minutes before fleeing on motorcycles, he said.

Foreign Office because of its strict ban on diplomats carrying arms.

"The traitor in a menacing way instructed Senior Medina Perez (the commercial attache) to defect," said De Armas. "In reply to this he took out the gun he was carrying, fired it and the group ran away."

London police announced in a brief statement that anti-terrorist squad detectives "traced and interviewed" the man injured in the Monday afternoon shooting and "we are wholly satisfied he was not posing a threat to anyone."

"We will not be releasing his details," the statement from Scotland Yard police headquarters added. "Following the incident — which enraged the

Economic sanctions

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (Reuters) - The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today recommended sweeping new economic sanctions against South Africa.

The 10-9 vote along party lines is expected to prove merely symbolic. Proponents of the bill acknowledge they do not have the votes to halt a probable vote to override a presidential veto if the measure reaches the White House.

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Ambassador Oscar Fernandez-Mell and the commercial attache, Third Secretary Carlos Manuel Medina Perez, left London on a scheduled flight for Prague, Czechoslovakia, en route to the Cuban capital, Havana.

Escaped

However, the British domestic news agency, Press Association, said police sources confirmed that the wounded man "was a security officer" and part of a team keeping the diplomat under surveillance.

Witnesses have said that Perez, who opened fire outside his apartment in West London, shot at a group of three men and a woman who fled and escaped in a car. He was stopped by police, claimed diplomatic immunity and then told the Foreign Office he fired because he was in fear of his life.

The Foreign Office refused to comment on the reports that the communist diplomat was under British or US security surveillance.

Britain's opposition Labour Party called the affair a "monumental mess" and called on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to state whether British and US intelligence agents were involved and whether Perez was being shadowed.

A political row built up as opposition politicians charged yesterday that the gun-wielding diplomat was apparently being trailed by security services.

US agrees to pay UN dues

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (Reuters) - The United States, satisfied that the United Nations has made progress towards reforms it sought, has agreed to pay contributions it had withheld from the world body.

President Reagan ordered payment by Oct. 1 of \$188 million in dues withheld over the past two years, the White House announced yesterday.

Reagan will also seek to arrange payment over the next few years of another \$520 million owed by the financially strapped organisation by the United States but never paid for various reasons, the White House said.

US contributions account for 25 per cent of the UN budget and 31 per cent of the cost of UN peacekeeping operations.

Positive

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar welcomed the US move as "a most positive development" but said it would not solve the world body's financial crisis.

"President Reagan has determined that the United Nations has reformed its operation to the point we can release the United States funding for that institution," White House spokesman Marvin Fitzwater told reporters.

"In addition to adopting important organisational reforms, the United Nations is undertaking major new peacekeeping operations in Afghanistan and the Gulf. The UN is directly serving important long-term objectives of this administration to end regional conflicts and advance peace and freedom around the world," Fitzwater said.

Request

Reagan also will request full funding for the UN in the government's fiscal year 1990 — a figure expected to total about \$476 million, Fitzwater said.

Fitzwater said the administration withheld payment of the \$188 million to carry out congressional orders to pressure the UN to make staff cutbacks and reform its budget procedures.

"Although reform is incomplete, it is striking," he said.

The US president had achieved its goals just two weeks before he was to travel to New York to address the UN General Assembly and meet with Perez de Cuellar.

Perez de Cuellar had said the US funding refusal could limit the organisation's ability to pay its bills beyond November and could threaten the monitoring of ceasefires by UN peacekeeping forces.

He welcomed yesterday's decision but said in a statement issued by his press office: "The partial payment of arrears does not solve the financial crisis of the organisation.

Demand

"Until the outstanding contributions by all member states are paid, the organisation will continue to operate with inadequate current income and virtually without reserves."

The US is not the only country in debt to the UN. According to a list issued at the end of July, the Soviet Union owed almost \$10 million for the regular budget and \$252 million for UN peacekeeping.

Other big debtors were South Africa (\$33.9 million), Brazil (\$17.9 million), Iran (\$12.1 million) and Argentina (\$6.3 million).

Iran expects better ties with GCC states

ABU DHABI, Sept. 14. (AP) - Iran and the Gulf Co-operation Council countries are heading toward rapprochement after Tehran accepted United Nations-sponsored ceasefire in the Gulf war, an Iranian envoy said yesterday.

Mustafa Foumeni Haeri, Iran's ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, said he expected better relations particularly with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

But he said Saudi Arabia has to take the "first step" toward restoring diplomatic relations with Iran, which Riyadh severed five months ago after an Iranian attack on a Saudi ship in the Gulf.

"Iran has taken several steps with withdrawal of foreign fleets from the Gulf and the ambassador said: 'The Kuwatis told me that they would not need US escort warship after peace was established in the Gulf.'

Haeri said he was delivered a message from Iranian President Ali Khamenei to the Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa.

Haeri reiterated, however, that Iranian gunboats will continue inspection of merchant ships until the total implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 598.

Priority

As part of the new turn in Iran-GCC relations, the ambassador said Iran will give priority to the GCC states in post-war reconstruction projects.

Meanwhile, Oman is negotiating the release of an estimated 4,000 Egyptians captured by Iran during its war with Iraq, an Egyptian government official said in Cairo today.

Egypt says Iran holds several thousand Egyptians who were fighting for Iraq but no official figures were given. Some 1.5 million Egyptians work in Iraq.

INTERNATIONAL

Bush ahead of Dukakis: opinion polls

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (AP): Michael Dukakis hammered away on the defence issue as he promised to improve America's conventional strength and maintain a strong nuclear deterrent.

His rival for the presidency, Vice-President George Bush, charged that Dukakis wants to control farmers' lives with an outdated agriculture policy that could include resumption of a Soviet grain embargo.

Bush's criticisms appear to have paid off — at least according to two public opinion polls.

A Gallup survey found Bush leading by an eight-percentage-point margin, and Dukakis suffering his highest negative rating of the presidential race. A CBS News-New York Times poll also showed the Democratic nominee trailing by eight points, and Bush capitalizing on defence issues.

Yesterday, Bush pledged his support for expansion of American markets abroad and suggested that Dukakis and his fellow Democrats are only concerned with production controls.

"They want to 'control the lives of the farmers,'" he said.

Bush cited a published report that quoted a Dukakis aide as saying the Democratic nominee might re-examine the US policy of selling government-subsidized wheat to the Soviets.

Strongest hurricane on record

Gilbert lashes Yucatan

MERIDA, Mexico, Sept. 14, (UPI): Gilbert, the strongest hurricane on record, lashed Mexico's Yucatan peninsula today, bawling along a track that could carry its 175-MPH (280 KPH) winds into Texas by week's end. At least 14 people have been killed and 500,000 left homeless in the storm's rampage through the Caribbean.

Gilbert began pounding the posh beach resorts and 1,000-year-old Mayan ruins of the Yucatan peninsula early today. Mexico placed its armed forces on "red alert," and 100,000 people fled the hurricane's burgeoning fury.

Supplies

The National Hurricane Centre in Miami predicted Gilbert would shriek across the peninsula around midday with 15-foot (4.5 m) waves, raking Cuba's west coast along the way, then plow into the Gulf of Mexico and hit Texas slightly south of Galveston by Friday night if it maintains its present course.

Along Texas's gulf coast, helicopters ferried nearly 1,000 workers from offshore oil rigs, residents made runs on emergency supplies and communities issued pleas for flood donations.

At 1000 GMT, the centre of Gilbert was near latitude 20.2

north, longitude 86.0 west, or about 65 miles (100 km) east-southeast of the island of Cozumel, Mexico, and moving west-northwest at 15 MPH (25 KPH). The storm's sustained winds of 175 MPH (280 KPH) with gusts of 200 MPH (320 KPH) made it a category five hurricane, meaning it is capable of causing catastrophic damage.

"If it were actually to hit land with this magnitude, the degree of destruction is incomprehensible," hurricane centre director Bob Sheets said. "We are hopeful this will not take place."

Gilbert's assault on the Yucatan peninsula blacked out the resort of Isla Mujeres last night and forced the evacuation of 100,000 people from Cancun, a beach resort of 250,000. The refugees streamed into 30 emergency shelters, and the Army, police and firefighters went on alert.

Banned

Cuba banned travel by air and sea in advance of Gilbert, and powerful waves began inflicting damage along its western coast last night, the Cuban news agency, Prensa Latina, reported.

Gilbert knifed the heart of the Caribbean since springing to life Saturday night, and at least 14 people have been reported killed.

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Pope leaves for Lesotho by car after an unscheduled landing in Johannesburg

Nuns held hostage in Maseru

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept. 14, (Agencies): Pope John Paul II, an unspoken critic of South Africa's apartheid policies, made an unscheduled landing today in Johannesburg after bad weather and airport equipment trouble prevented his plane from going to Lesotho.

The Pope, who had planned to bypass South Africa during his current tour of neighbouring states, spent three hours at Jan Smuts airport before he and his entourage left for Lesotho in a convoy of cars and buses.

The Pope's spokesman, Joaquin Navarro, said John Paul was reading a book of philosophy when he was told of the change in plans.

Freezing rain fell on Lesotho, a mountain kingdom completely surrounded by South Africa. King Moshoeshoe II and other officials waited at the airport for hours before the announcement that the Pope would come by road.

Meanwhile, in Maseru, a stand-off continued between police and suspected guerrillas who commandeered a bus of nuns, schoolchildren and pilgrims that was en route to see John Paul.

Robin Cartwright, the pilot of the Pope's chartered Air Zimbabwe Boeing 707, circled over Maseru, Lesotho, for 30 minutes before deciding to divert the flight because of a low cloud ceiling and malfunctioning radio beacons at the airport.

The Pope's spokesman says the hijackers claim to be members of the Lesotho Liberation Army.

"The police told me a few minutes ago it (the hostage drama) is still going on," he said.

The Lesotho Liberation Army is the military wing of the Basotho Congress Party which has been exiled since 1970. The party opposed the civilian government of chief Lebua Jonathan, who was overthrown as prime minister by a South African-sponsored coup in January 1986. Until the current military rulers took power, the guerrillas made periodic hit-and-run raids.

The streets of Maseru were tense as this tiny, turbulent state awaited the Pope's arrival on the third leg of a five-nation southern African tour.

Helicopters flew overhead. Soldiers patrolled the streets, angrily pushing away journalists attempting to get a glimpse of the

men boarded the bus dressed in nuns' habits. He said it was carrying about 60 pilgrims.

Nervous Lesotho soldiers kept newsmen away from the scene. Gervaise Chavasse, British deputy high commissioner, said one hostage had managed to escape.

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Gunman frees hostages after five-hour siege

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 14, (Reuters): A lone gunman who had demanded peace in Lebanon surrendered after a five-hour siege in which he held 11 people hostage at a military recruiting office today, police said.

The gunman, identified by police as a 20-year-old Richmond resident of Lebanese descent, surrendered around 2 p.m. (1600 GMT), 30 minutes after freeing all of his hostages.

The man had demanded that a local radio station read his plea for peace in Lebanon. His demand was not met.

Armed

The hostages were held at the Tuckernuck Square armed services recruiting office in a busy shopping centre in West Richmond, about 100 miles (160 km) from Washington.

The gunman released his hostages one by one until all were freed by 1.30 pm (1530 GMT).

The gunman walked into the recruiting office armed with a handgun and a Soviet-made AK-47 automatic weapon, police said. He surrendered the rifle during negotiations and gave up his handgun later.

Officers said he had told authorities that he had two armed friends with him but police said only the one man was involved.

Escaped detainees can go free, say police

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept. 14, (AP): Police said today they would not re-arrest three prominent anti-apartheid activists who escaped from detention and have taken refuge at the US consulate.

"They can walk out and they will not be re-detained," said police Brig. Leon Mallet. "Their release already was under consideration, and we have no plans to re-arrest them."

Mallet said the police would have to issue new orders if it wanted to detain the trio again, but that there were no plans to do so.

The activists escaped from a hospital yesterday and made their way about midday into the consulate in a downtown Johannesburg office building. Their lawyer, Krish Naidoo, entered the consulate today, apparently to visit the men, and said he

would meet later with the activists' families.

The three are Murphy Morobe, acting publicity secretary of the banned United Democratic Front, Mohammed Valli Moosa, UDF acting general secretary, and Vusi Khanyile, chairman of the banned National Education Crisis Committee. Morobe and Khanyile are blacks and Valli Moosa is an Indian.

The United Democratic Front and the crisis committee were among 17 anti-apartheid organisations banned in February from conducting any activities.

US Ambassador Edward Perkins met for an hour last night with a committee representing the activists. A US embassy spokesman declined to describe the content of the talks, which took place in a private house in a Johannesburg suburb.

Walesa to meet minister today

WARSAW, Sept. 14, (Agencies): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa will meet Interior Minister Czeslaw Kiszczak tomorrow to prepare negotiations on Poland's future, government spokesman Jerzy Urban said.

"I can confirm there will be a meeting at noon tomorrow with the same set of participants as in the previous one with General Kiszczak," Urban said.

Kiszczak last met Walesa on Aug. 31.

Protest

In another development, members of the official Union for Transport Workers in Gdynia held a bus and tram service in the Baltic port city of Gdynia for 10 hours today in protest over pay, a union spokesman said.

Walesa earlier this month ended a series of Solidarity-led strikes in exchange for the government's proposal to hold the round-table talks with the opposition, including members of the banned trade union.

The brief Gdynia stoppage was mounted by an official trade union.

Regional official union spokesman Stanislaw Koscielak said the transport workers want a raise of 3,000 zlotys (\$6 a month). He said the pay hike was promised last year but never received. The average pay nationwide is about 47,000 zlotys (\$100 a month).

Prospects for setting up the talks between the government, Solidarity and other groups including Roman Catholic church officials were thrown into doubt yesterday when Urban accused the banned union of making unacceptable demands.

Walesa and his colleagues say the talks will be pointless if the government does not restore legal status to Solidarity, which was suppressed under martial law in Dec. 1981.

The government has said it may re-legitimise Solidarity, but it has also made clear that it does not want the union to re-emerge as a mass labour movement able to cause serious industrial turmoil as in its 1980-81 legal era.

Urban said the aim of Walesa's meeting with Kiszczak was to see if the two sides could set up more talks, possibly as early as Friday, that would be an embryonic version of the full-scale negotiations on Poland's future.

Reagan to meet GCC delegation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14, (KUNA): President Reagan will meet a high-level delegation of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations when he visits the United Nations later this month, the White House has announced.

Spokesman Martin Fitzwater said the meeting between Reagan and the GCC delegation was scheduled for the evening of Sept. 26.

Kuwait urges ...

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international oil markets in order.

He said non-OPEC producers should "shoulder a responsibility not less than that of OPEC states to maintain the stability of the oil market." Spot oil prices have been up to five dollars below OPEC's \$18 per barrel benchmark price since the beginning of September due to high levels of production by members of the 13-nation group.

Iraq agrees to attend ...

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devoting themselves to humanitarian acts such as removing bodies from the battlefield to prevent the spread of disease.

Jovic, who is based in Baghdad, said his forces reported two incidents since the ceasefire came into force last month involving the shooting of an Iranian and an Iraqi soldier.

Meanwhile, Iraqi State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hammadi arrived in Moscow today for talks with Soviet officials expected to centre on the stalemate in Iraq's peace negotiations with Iran.

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INTERNATIONAL

Murphy holds talks in Damascus

US, Syria try to defuse Lebanese crisis

DAMASCUS, Sept 14. (AP): US envoy Richard Murphy met with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al-Sharaa today to discuss how to defuse a political crisis in Lebanon that threatens to reignite that country's 13-year-old civil war, officials reported.

They gave no details of the meeting. But an official source, who insisted on anonymity, said when Murphy arrived last night that reconciling Syrian and US views on Lebanon "will be a difficult and complicated task."

The United States and Syria have been seeking to ensure that a presidential election which must be held before Sept 23 is carried out to avoid a dangerous political vacuum.

But Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, has accused Washington of obstructing the election and backing Christian Parliament members who boycotted in Aug 18 session called to elect a new President.

Opposition leaders in Burma plan strategy

RANGOON, Sept 14. (Reuter): The struggle for Burmese democracy has largely moved into political meeting rooms, diplomats said today, even though groups of militant students continued to march and chant on the streets.

Yesterday afternoon, prominent opposition figures promised to present a plan for an alternative government to student leaders within 48 hours.

Opposition leaders could not be reached by telephone yesterday, but diplomats said they would be holding meetings today and tomorrow to try to forge a united front within the 48-hour deadline.

Contact

In addition to meeting senior leaders, the students are in constant contact now with the hundreds of trade unions formed as the hold of the Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP) has loosened, a Western diplomat said.

"There appears to be an effort at more serious co-ordination,"

Reagan wants to admit 94,000 refugees

WASHINGTON, Sept 14. (Reuter): The Reagan administration has proposed admitting 94,000 refugees and Vietnamese children fathered by American servicemen to the United States in the year starting Oct 1.

The figure, which depends on Congress providing sufficient funds, compares with 83,500 expected to be admitted during the current fiscal year and would be the highest refugee admission total since 1982.

The new ceiling was made public by Secretary of State George Shultz, who told the Senate judiciary committee it included 53,000 people from Asia, mostly Indochina.

It also includes 24,500 from East Europe and the Soviet Union, 3,500 from Latin America, 2,000 from Africa and 7,000 from the Middle East and South Asia.

Shultz said progress was being made in efforts to bring out of Vietnam Amerasians fathered by US servicemen during the Vietnam war and other Vietnamese under a so-called orderly departure programme started nine years ago to provide a legal alternative to departures from the country by boat.

Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, flew to the Syrian capital after Lebanese Parliament Speaker Hussein Huseini scheduled a parliamentary electoral session for Sept 22.

That is only one day before President Amin Gemayel's six-year term expires. Constitutionally he cannot seek a second consecutive term.

Backing

Huseini said the house would meet at the old Parliament building in the Muslim sector of Beirut, rather than the building on Beirut's dividing Green Line it has used since 1976.

Right-wing Christians rejected that, branding it a "booby trapped move ... aimed at sabotaging the presidential election session."

The Aug 18 electoral session collapsed when Christian legislators failed to attend in protest against the candidacy of Syrian-

backed former President Suleiman Franjeh, the only serious contender.

The Syrians have stressed they still back Franjeh, a Maronite Catholic who was President from 1970 to 1976.

Another Christian, Raymond Eddé, 73, who has lived in self-imposed exile since 1976 after several abortive assassination attempts, threw his hat into the ring Monday and announced he would run as a candidate.

The right-wing Lebanese Forces, the Christian's main militia, are understood to have dropped their earlier opposition to Eddé, raising some hopes that he could be acceptable to both sides as a compromise candidate.

High-level US mediation between Damascus and Lebanon's Christians hit snags last month after Franjeh announced his candidacy two days before the Aug 18 parliament session.

But US State Department

spokesman Charles Redman said Monday: "We welcome and strongly support speaker Huseini's call for Parliament to meet Sept 22 to elect a new President."

"We continue to believe that the Lebanese presidential election must proceed constitutionally and peacefully, with a President dedicated to reconciliation and reform taking office Sept 23."

Officials in Damascus said that before meeting Murphy, Sharaa conferred separately with the new US Ambassador to Syria, Edward Djerejian, who arrived with Murphy, and presented his credentials.

Present

Djerejian's predecessor, William Eagleton, left Syria last month after 3 1/2 years in Damascus.

The official Syrian Arab News Agency said Sharaa and Djerejian discussed the Middle East situation and US relations

with Syria.

Reliable sources said Djerejian, and David Newton, the former US ambassador to Iraq and now head of the State Department's Syria, Lebanon and Jordan desk, also attended the meeting between Murphy and Sharaa.

Syria's state-controlled media called today on "all the Lebanese to make advantage of the occasion available to save Lebanon, and to make Sept 22 an historic day."

Syria has some 40,000 troops in eastern and northern provinces as well as the Muslim sector of Beirut.

The Christian oppose Syrians' efforts to push through political reforms that would give Lebanon's Muslim majority equality with the Christians who have dominated Parliament, the Army and judiciary since independence from France in 1943.



A soldier distributes food to flood victims at a relief camp near Dhaka.

Situation becoming difficult in Bangladesh

Acute shortage of fresh food

DHAKA, Sept 14. (Reuter):

The death toll in devastating monsoon floods in Bangladesh topped 1,000 today after at least 50 more people died of disease and snakebites, officials said.

Ershad repeated his confidence that no one would die from starvation but said the economic losses caused by the floods would be colossal.

According to official figures, the flooding, worst on record in Bangladesh, destroyed eight million homes, leaving 30 million people homeless.

The deluge also washed away three million tonnes of rice in the fields, destroyed 3,500 km (2,200 miles) of roads, 630 km (390 miles) of rail lines and 250 bridges.

Bangladesh has so far received pledges of \$280 million in flood aid from various governments and international agencies, and 10 helicopters to ferry relief supplies to the victims.

camps isolated from others.

"Let us fight the floods and the problems it brought united and squarely," he told flood victims in southeastern Comilla district yesterday.

At Baluchar village, three miles (five km) from Dhaka, people who were living perched on trees have now shifted onto the roofs of their homes as the flood level dropped by about three feet (one metre).

"Only voluntary organisations are sending us one meal in two or three days," said villager Harunur Rashid.

The chief of the United Nations Disaster Relief Organisation, Mohammed Essaifi, who arrived yesterday to co-ordinate international relief efforts, described the floods as a national catastrophe.

"My first job here should be to assess the magnitude of the catastrophe in order to be able to move relief quickly," he told reporters.

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KUWAIT ... GULF

KSRC may help clear Shatt Al Arab waterway

By Fathima Ahmed

A TOP executive of the Kuwait Shipbuilding and Repairyard Co. (KSRC) has said his company will "get involved with clearing" the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway of war debris and mines and stands a good chance of doing the work.

KSRC's Managing Director Mousa Jafar Marafi said his company was at an advantage due to Kuwait's proximity to the waterway.

Findings

"We are the nearest and our costs are economic. We also have the facilities, trained and skilled staff. Quality vs price, we are competitive," he said.

KSRC has begun a survey to study prospects and is "interested in dredging the waterway" to clear war debris and mines. KSRC's subsidiary, Gulf Dredging Co., would do the work along with other regional and foreign companies, Marafi said.

Marafi did not divulge the

findings of the survey, which is nearly complete, but said "a lot of work is involved" and the task would require tremendous effort by several companies, both regional and foreign.

Marafi said the clearing of the waterway will start only after safety has been ensured. He said: "No one will go (to Shatt Al Arab) until he is sure on his safety."

The dispute on sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab is one of the main causes of the deadlock during the Geneva peace talks, which adjourned on Tuesday. Iraq and Iran have agreed to observe the ceasefire which took effect on Aug 20.

Indicator

After the ceasefire KSRC began gearing up for more business after an eight-year slowdown. Marine work had nearly halted at the Kuwait-based repair yard, which failed to attract business due to its proximity to the war zone.

Marafi admitted the market "had been on a decline for the

past few years" but is confident business will improve. Business is now picking up. One indicator was the recent arrival to Kuwait of two ships trapped by the Gulf war for eight years in Khawr Zubayr, a port in a narrow estuary south of Basra in Iraq.

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Grand Mosque expansion under way

RIYADH, Sept 13. (Reuters) - King Fahd of Saudi Arabia gave the go ahead today for a project to increase the capacity of Islam's holiest mosque in Makkah to accommodate 605,000 Muslims.

Official figures showed the new project would make space for an extra 205,000 people at the Grand Mosque, built around the black square-shaped Ka'ba.

Riyadh this year enforced a quota system of one pilgrim for every 1,000 Muslims in any country to cut the number of visitors while construction work was under way in Makkah.

About 1.4 million Muslims performed the pilgrimage in July but in past years more than two million Muslims visited the holy sites for the pilgrimage (haj).

Shrimp fishermen call for changes

LOCAL fishermen have presented a number of demands to the Department of Agriculture and Fish Wealth concerning the improvement of the shrimp fishing industry in Kuwait.

They called for the extension of shrimp fishing periods in the evening, claiming that the number of shrimps increases in the cool of the night.

Other fishermen demanded an increase in the issue of licences to encourage the boat-building industry.

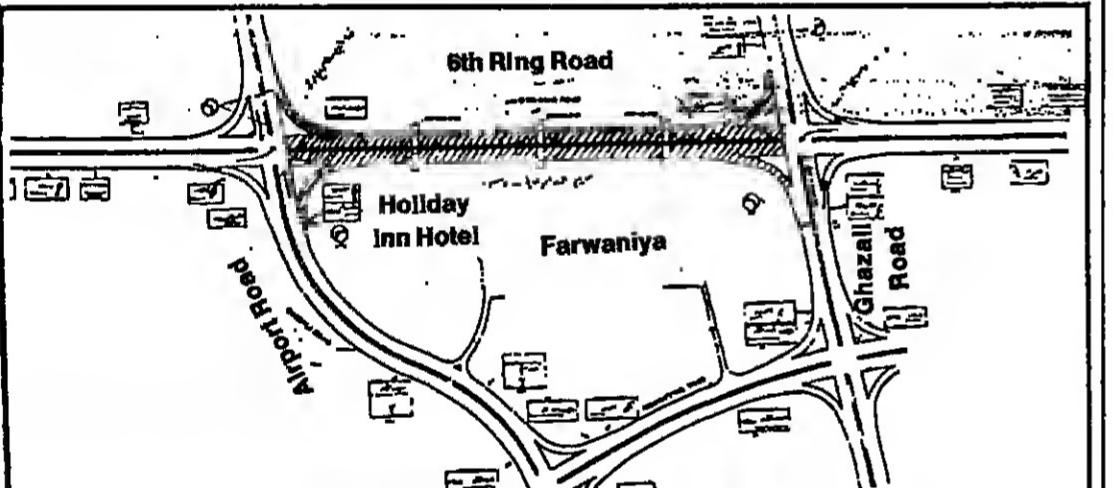
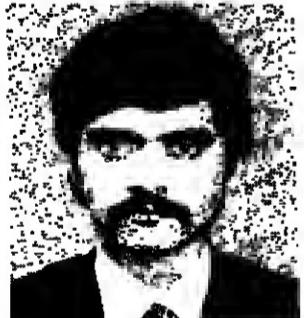
Crammed conditions at the fish market in Kuwait Souk have prompted complaints from both residents and fishermen. The fishermen's union president said that the market will be transferred to the Nogat Al Shamian area at the beginning of next

Road closed

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of the Interior has said that a part of the 6th Ring Road was closed yesterday for alterations to telephone cables.

The section of road, between its junction with Airport Road and Ghazali Road, will be reopened late Friday.

The source has asked drivers to use alternative routes, which are: Airport Road, Ghazali Road and the 5th Ring Road.

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27 traffic accidents reported in Kuwait

THERE were 27 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday, according to an official source at Kuwait's Ministry of Interior.

Two men died at Fahheel area and Sixth Ring Road and one accident was reported in the capital, six in Hawalli, 11 in Al Ahmadi Governorate and nine in Al-Jahra Governorate, the source added.

The Sudanese minister also thanked Kuwait for its generous relief aid to his country during the recent flood disaster.

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Kuwait condemns US accusations against Iraq



Al Shaheen.

FOR the second time in two days, Kuwait has condemned American allegations that Iraq used chemical weapons on Kurdish rebels.

A Kuwaiti spokesman said US Ambassador to Kuwait W. Nathaniel Howell was summoned to the Foreign Ministry yesterday, where Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shaheen expressed Kuwait's "extreme concern" over Washington's accusations.

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Flag Square to be cultivated

THE chairman of the Committee for Celebration of Afforestation Week, Abdul Mohsen Al Ghaffar, said yesterday that a timetable has been devised to plant trees in several open areas in the country starting on Oct 15.

Ghaffar, who is also director of the Parks Department at the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources said, in an interview with Kuwait News Agency, that one of the areas chosen to be cultivated is the Flag Square where grass and 1,500 trees of various types will be planted.

Depends

The afforestation project, carried out by the Public Authority, depends on citizens cutting down their water consumption to provide enough water for irrigation.

The afforestation project is aimed at improving weather conditions in the country and increasing the percentage of oxygen in the air. Ghaffar said the project will also lessen the reper-



Al Ghaffar.

cussions of sand storms.

He also urged those who camp during the spring season to not destroy the desert's wild plants, because there are plans to beautify desert areas as well.

No plan for government daily

THE Kuwaiti government has no intention to publish a government daily or open a commercial television channel, according to the Information Undersecretary Abdul Aziz Jaffar.

Meanwhile, the new censorship law is still being drafted and will take into consideration the interests of the public, he added.

Censoring procedures as laid down by the ministry are a form of joint censoring between the ministry and the local paper publishing into consideration circumstances prevailing at the respective.

Jaffar said Sheikh Sabah met yesterday with his Afghan counterpart, Abdul Wakil, and discussed latest developments in the Afghan crisis, officials said.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Sheikh Sabah stressed to the Afghan minister the importance of "solving conflicts and disputes through negotiations and by peaceful means."

The Kuwaiti spokesman said "sitting at the negotiating table is considered the best and only way to solve any dispute and any problem."

Kuwait is the only state among the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council to maintain diplomatic ties with the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

Amir of Qatar meets Bahraini prince

DOHA, Sep 14: (KUNA): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani met today with visiting Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa.

Qatar News Agency said talks deal with bilateral relations, Gulf and Arab issues of mutual concern and ways to boost cooperation and understanding among the Gulf Co-operation Council states.

Sheikh Hamad arrived here earlier today in response to an invitation by Qatar Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Al Thani.

Civil defence directors discuss public safety

RIYADH, Sep 14: (KUNA): Civil defence general directors of the six GCC member states ended their second session here last night under the chairmanship of Lieut. General Hashim Abdul Rahman, the director general of Saudi Civil Defence.

Addressing the final session, Hashim said that the meeting dealt with public safety and protection from natural and industrial hazards.

He said the participants expressed sincere desire for reaching realistic practical resolutions on these matters.

Some companies removed, others added to blacklist

THE Israel Boycott Office of the Arab League has lifted the embargo on some foreign companies which have been dealing with Jews, imposed the partial or full embargo on others and banned the import of specific goods from certain countries.

A statement released yesterday by the Kuwait Office of the Boycott Commission said the American company Tenneco Inc. and its subsidiaries in the United States and Europe, the American company Davol International Ltd, the American company Coca Cola Co. and the American Topaz Inc. Quared Co., Monsanto Co. and Horizon Industries Inc., have been removed from the blacklist.

Struck off

Other companies removed from the blacklist include the three Canadian companies of Inland International NV, Maple Leaf Mills Ltd, and Matthews Conveyor Company of Canada Ltd, the German companies Triumph International AG and Stena Baumgarten and Co., the British companies London City and Westcliff Properties Ltd and its subsidiaries in Britain and Holland and City Swingers Ltd and the Austrian company Rava BV and Belgium Scala Plastics NV and its Belgian subsidiary Kado NV have also been removed from partial embargo.

However, a number of com-

panies have been placed on the blacklist including the British Publishing House of George Weidenfeld and Nicolson Ltd, the Kenyan Pan Afric Co., the French KIS France and its subsidiaries, the Malaysian Holly Villages of Malaysia, Lemstall Industrie SPA of Italy, the Cypriot Paporis Michael Import-Export Agencies and the Greek Dimitria Enterprises Ltd and Cosmos Ltd.

Embargo

The embargo included the four American companies of Paramount Cards Inc, American Cystoscope Makers Inc, Turbine Services Ltd and the National Political Action Committee, the five Canadian companies of Atlantic Packaging Product Ltd, the Dominion Trust Co, IWS Ferrous Ltd and Almar Industries Inc and Westchester Sportswear Inc and the four Spanish companies of Ramta SA, Tadiran SA, Lindel Espana SA and Union de Explosives Rio Tinto.

Tache Cie SA and Pagan Products of Belgium and Quality Chemical Industries and Britania Industries Ltd, which is 40 per cent owned by American Nabisco Brands Ltd, have also been blacklisted.

مكتب عن التحرير

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards; natural history exhibits from and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT — THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House

SAT — THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

CINEMA

Children's Film

SEPT 15: British Council, Mansouriya, 10.30 am: children's film *Alias the Jester*. Children of all nationalities welcome. Free admission but advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 2533204.

THEATRE

KLT

SEPT 20/21: KLT, Ahmadi, 7.30 pm. Auditions for pantomime *Jack and Beanstalk*. Those interested can audition the theatre in Ahmadi. The group needs volunteers for backstage help.

Konkani Drama

OCT 7: IAC, Funaitees, 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximber?" featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

MUSIC

Sounds Great

SEPT 15, 3 pm/Sept. 16, 11 am/Sept 17, 7.30 pm: Universal American School, Salwa: Audition for singers, dancers and musicians for the next Sounds Great Show. Schedule to be held at the Salmaiyah cinema from Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/5740257 or 5758870. Kuwait Singers.

SEPT 18: Kuwait Singers start rehearsals for their winter concert on Sunday, 7.30 pm, and not Monday, at the Sunshine School, Salwa. New members particularly welcome.

Indian Ballet

SEPT 22: 7.00 pm, at IAC, Funaitees: Narthana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Prameeda Surendran, will stage a ballet, Pancharavi, and Nrithasilpas at its annual show, Nrithotsav. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

Ahmadi Music Society

SEPT 24: 7.30 pm, KLT, Ahmadi. Rehearsals commence for the Society's annual concert. Scheduled to be held on Dec 11, 12 and 13. Newcomers are welcome. For details Tel: 391-2384; 398-3964; 390-1782.

Country Western Musical

SEPT 27: Gala Night of KLT and ACT's annual Country Western Musical 7.30 pm at KLT, Ahmadi.

SEPT 28 and 29, night shows, 8 pm.

SEPT 30: matinee at 5 pm. For bookings call 5721033; 5620332.

East meets West

OCT 6: IAC, 6.30 pm: "East meets West", a musical evening, by The Farms, Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. Lead: vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by passes Tel: 3409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

MBH Windsurfing Regatta

OCT 7: MBH Windsurfing Regatta. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel: 575560); Qabazard Marine (Tel: 5730442); Sultan Centres and Al Boom Marine (Tel: 4830570). For further details phone 5624111 ext 751/739.

Softball League

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Rehearsals are in full swing for the Indian ballet show on Sept 22 at IAC. The classical dance group Narthana will present Pancharavi, a musical drama, and Nrithasilpas. Above: some dancers rehearsing for the show.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach

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At the Sheraton

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GANDOUR GRILL GARDEN: 7 pm to midnight; features a selection of grilled specialities.

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SPORTS

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Bowling League Games scheduled this week:

SEPT 15, 6.30 pm, 300 Club: Men's Division — (1) Hatid Ligaya vs Abghoush Int'l; (2) Al Nakib Al Qatar vs Al Gaband; (3) Phil. Supreme vs Far East Rest.

SEPT 16, 1 pm (same venue): (1) Port Public Authority vs Magnolia Ice Cream; (2) 300 Club vs Kayne Asso. Inc.; (3) Al Gaband vs Satellite Co.

SEPT 16, 9 am (same venue): Women's Division: (1) Boodai Aviation vs Far East Rest; (2) Magnolia Ice Cream vs Geds & Kayne Asso. Inc.

VII Winners Cup Cricket tournament

SEPT 16: YMCA's All Kuwait Open VII Winners Cup cricket tournament. Starts this week and will continue on Fridays and holidays, Ahmadi Governorate Ground, behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

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	Al Jeeb
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9.15 Good Morning
9.30 Al Bustan: Stories from Around the World.
10.05 Al Bustan: Arabic play, featuring Majed Sultan, Abdul Nasser Al Zaer.
11.00 News Summary followed by songs and music.
11.20 Al Islam Wal Insan: religious programme.
12.25 Min Wah Al Ayah Al Bayanat: religious talk.

1.35 Interval
2.00 Summer '88
2.15 Hadith Deeni: weekly religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwalli Sharawi.

3.00 Adat Se Majhoor: Hindi feature film.
3.45 Cartoons

7.00 Kuwaiti in a Week
7.30 Islamic Art in Morocco, prepared and presented by Adnan Al Ramhi.

8.15 KTV Programmes Preview
8.45 Hadith Al Usboh: weekly talk on Islam

9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Wrestling

10.50 Al Jaliyat: Arabic play, featuring Samia Al Afifi, Nahil Al Halafawi, Mahmoud Abu Zaid. Comedy.

12.00 News Summary, followed by Holy Quran and Closedown

5.00 Holy Quran
5.05 Cartoons

5.25 Local football: Live broadcast of Al Arabi & Kuwait vs.

1.30 News Summary

KTV 2

11.45 Thursday Night Variety Show
12.45 Aghnaya Muktahia: variety show

1.30 News Summary

Mary (Maria Gibbs) and Lester (Hal Williams) face tax collectors in Friday's episode of 227, 10 pm on KTV 2.

Fanaja & Oman. 7.35 Full House: "Return of Grandma". The family try to tidy their house in honour of grandma's arrival...
8.00 News in English
8.40 High Mountain Runners: "The Ordeal". Codie is convinced by his mother to live in a city ... but unexpected events force him to reverse his decision.

9.30 I Married Dora: "Westcoast Story". Dora is asked to organise a charity gala.

10.00 The Hit Squad: laughs, fun

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

WE must beware of trying to build a society in which nobody counts for anything except a politician or an official — Sir Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965).

OPINION

Be generous with Kuwait Stock Market

THE Kuwaiti government recently invested in many sectors of activity both locally and abroad.

One billion pounds were paid for British Petroleum Co. shares. The government also made huge investments in the Spanish Stock Market.

In the local market, the government allocated KD600 million for expropriating real estate in the next five years. Another KD50 million has been allocated towards developing the agricultural sector. The result of this infusion of capital has been an increase in the prices of real estate.

This scenario is not reflected in the prices of shares and bonds in the local stock market which still suffers from the ill-effects of laws not allowing prices of shares to increase for fear of another Manakh crisis.

The Manakh crisis, which occurred six years ago, could have been averted were it not for wrong implementation of rules and subsequent solutions — in which investors had no say.

According to statistics, only 15 per cent of the shares of companies are offered for trading at the stock market. The rest are owned by the government, mortgaged with local banks, or owned by individuals who purchased when prices were high. Others are long-term investment portfolios — usually not affected by increase or decrease in prices.

The government can easily deal with the Stock Market in a very flexible way by improving trading laws either in relation to the price unit or quantity traded. In addition, any amount, however small, the government invests on a long-term basis in the stock market will certainly contribute to a healthy and vibrant market.

The government could simply use part of its profits from the British Petroleum or Spanish investments to purchase local shares to be held as a long-term portfolio.

A small infusion of funds in the stock market — even smaller than that allocated for agriculture — will certainly go a long way in contributing towards improving stock market conditions and would help increase the value of assets, reflecting positively on increased mortgages.

Such a backdrop would in no small measure contribute towards better economic performance after the ill-effects of long years of war.

The government has been generous with foreign financial markets, generous with the agricultural sector and with other sectors.

We now call upon the government to extend this same generosity to the stock market — either by improving its performance and flexibility or entering as an investor — even with a small amount of money.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Canada embarks on naval modernisation

By David R. Francis

OTTAWA: Canada is moving forward with a major programme of naval modernisation.

Rear Adm. John Anderson is to give Canadian Defence Minister Perrin Beatty an evaluation of competing British and French designs for a fleet of 10 or 12 nuclear-powered submarines, expected to cost Canadian \$8 billion (US\$6.6 billion).

The subs, it is hoped, would deter Soviet subs from poking about the Canadian Arctic or using the region for launching missiles in the event of hostilities.

If Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's cabinet approves the admiral's choice, it will be Canada's largest defence contract ever — though expenditures will be spread over 26 years.

Beatty announced that the government will also spend Canadian \$750 million (US\$621 million) to build 12 minesweepers. When delivered, starting in 1992, they will provide Canada with its only capability for neutralising mines that could shut down its ports.

Parry

With oceans to the west, north, and east, Canada has the longest coastline in the world. But its Navy has been relatively puny. It consists of 20 frigates or destroyers, three diesel-powered submarines, three replenishment ships, 18 Aurora long-range patrol aircraft, 18 Tracker medium-range patrol aircraft, 35 Sea King helicopters, and 31 training vessels.

"Next to other NATO forces, (the Canadian Navy) is very poor," says Joel Sokolsky, a professor at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. "There are only four ships worth anything... four Tribal-class destroyers. Most of the fleet is at least 30 years old."

Operating out of three bases, this small Navy has a primary goal of protecting NATO sea links between North America and Europe, chiefly as an anti-submarine force. It has a secondary job of guarding Canada's Atlantic and Pacific shores in

Speculative story

SIR: This refers to the story published in the Arab Times on Sept 12, under the heading, "Pakistan Army deeply divided: wreckage of Zia's plane sent secretly to US."

The story is speculative and tends to distort facts relating to Pakistan-US relations.

The story, based on remarks made by anonymous US officials, lacks credibility, hence no significance could be attached to it. Pakistan and the United States enjoy friendly relations and have similar views on many international and regional issues.

Recently, the US Senate, in a unanimous resolution, described late President Zia-ul-Haq as a true friend of the US who had undertaken a leading role in promoting a regional stability.

Reports of division within the Pakistan Army are also

speculative and incorrect. The Pakistani armed forces have recently demonstrated their unity by supporting the constitutional process in Pakistan. This itself rebuts such rumours.

The attribution of the Ojhari Camp disaster to some generals of the Pakistao Army by unnamed US officials is mischievous and a travesty of truth. The former President who was also chief of Army staff and a multitude of Army personnel supervised relief work to mitigate the effects of the disaster and many soldiers lost their lives in trying to control the fire at the ammunition dump.

Wild accusations by unnamed US officials lack any credibility and are contemptible.

Syed Iqbal Hussain, Press & Cultural Attaché, Pakistan Embassy, Kuwait.

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M. Ashraf Rahim, Ahmedali.

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SIR: Buses are the main form of transportation for those who do not possess a driving license. Kuwait Public Transport Company provides bus service which frequently turns out to be useless as buses get late.

Passengers are kept waiting in bad weather at bus stops and when the bus actually arrives after a long delay, it is crowded and does not stop. Passengers have to wait again and get late for work.

People are thus forced to ride taxis and vans and have to pay through their nose.

We urge the KPTC to run its buses on schedule.

Prabhu Mendonca, Safat.

Lasting solution to floods needed

SIR: We the Bangladeshis are very unfortunate to have killer floods almost every year. No one knows whether a house built today will survive during the next monsoon season.

Hundreds of human lives along with thousands of cattle are lost. Billions of dollars worth of food, raw materials, building, etc., are washed away each time.

The life after the flood is even worse. Nothing remains normal — the going gets tough. Government begs around the world for financial support, and rich, developed and friendly countries are always kind enough to help. But how long should this continue?

Now the time has come to think whether we should ask only for financial support to cope with floods or financial support and technical assistance to protect Bangladesh from floods.

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Mismanaged 'September Ball'

SIR: I regret very much having taken my fiancee to the YMCA's "Come September Ball" at the Sheraton Hotel on Sept 1.

The ballroom was packed to capacity mostly with garishly dressed young men who kept loitering around the hall, joking and behaving as though they were out on a picnic.

The moment the music started, these youngsters invaded the stage and gave a rock performance with some of their colleagues blissfully swaying on their shoulders. The organisers, unfortunately, did not know the meaning of the word "hall", and had probably picked up the name from some function they might have attended.

We wanted to walk away but waited to see the "Queen of Queens" contest where we expected to see the Summer Queen, the May Queen, Summer Belle and the other queens crowned earlier this year. They were nowhere to be seen and hence the title was meaningless.

The contest started well but was ruined by the master of ceremonies. With his odd sense of humour he embarrassed the participants. None of the ladies on my list figured in the last three — beauty as they say lies in the eye of the beholder.

Halfway through the night, dinner was served but food was not enough to go around and it was pathetic to see the MC apologising on behalf of the organisers to the guests, who did not get food but paid KD6 each for the evening's delights.

I have attended many enjoyable Goan functions in the past and in particular would like to mention the Weekend Club's Summer Affair at the Regency.

The YMCA made no bones about the fact that they were out to make a fast buck. I do not care what they do with the

money but I could have ruined a beautiful relationship with the girl I love.

Arthur H. Beylerian, Safat.

Uniforms unavailable

SIR: This refers to Indian School's decision to change the uniforms of students.

If the purpose is to have uniformity then it would have been wiser to enforce the wearing of previous uniforms and punishing those who failed to do so.

Most of the shops in Kuwait do not have the new uniforms and only a microscopic minority managed to have them either by stitching themselves or by obtaining from elsewhere.

At present it is a mixture of old and new uniforms at the school. Searching for new uniforms is a waste of time and money for parents. Airline crew change uniforms quite often to look attractive, but for school children fashion is not the factor.

Instead of changing the uniforms, school authorities should create a healthy atmosphere inside the school premises by keeping classrooms, courtyard and toilets neat and tidy.

K.K. Philip, Safat.

Shed is necessary

SIR: The students of the Indian School (Abbasia branch) have to wait for their buses under the sun.

The school authorities should do something to protect the small children from the sun's heat. A small shed and a water cooler is quite necessary to alleviate their suffering.

Few parents, (Names and addresses supplied).

'Helpful conman'

SIR: I have read the letters appearing in Arab Times about Indian English and bow Indians, intelligent misuse the English language to make a living. I do not think it should insult Indians in general.

When I made further inquiries, I found that "Varkey visa" is a kind of visa, arranged by Indians, especially Keralites. Quite a number of Indians have reached Kuwait by this type of visa and have achieved remarkable positions. Even if he charges heavily, once the recruit reaches the Kuwaiti shore, a job is guaranteed. Even if the salary is KD 19 instead of KD 90, it is paid promptly.

In a way, the recruiting agent is providing an excellent service to the community, and that is why his fellowmen say even though he is a conman, he is helpful.

So stop criticising him. Let his service continue uninterrupted. Please do not consider I am doing commercials for him.

An AT reader, (Name and address supplied).



Letters
to the
Editor

A reader,
(Name and address supplied).

Ladies stripped

SIR: Recently my wife arrived from India and went for medical checkup at a Fahheel clinic according to the rules. On the pretext of having skin test, my wife and other Sri Lankan ladies were asked to strip completely before a male doctor and when they objected they were threatened by the doctor and nurse.

We are Muslims and Islam is against compelling and harassing people unnecessarily.

Females should be treated with respect. Female doctors should examine females in all hospitals and clinics.

I request the Ministry of Health to look into this matter.

Nandan Bashe, Fahheel.

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Population control in Bangladesh

Ershad's strong approach comes under fire

By Mary Kay Magistred

DHAKA, Bangladesh: Not everyone applauded when Bangladeshi President Hussain Muhammad Ershad received the fifth United Nations Population Award last year.

Ershad, who was commended by the UN for "strong personal leadership" in reducing his country's birthrate, has come under fire in recent months for being too strong in his government's approach to population control.

Groups both inside and outside Bangladesh are charging that the safety of women, their right to free choice, and sometimes even their lives, are being sacrificed to a birth control programme that puts national reduction quotas ahead of all else.

By 1997, the government hopes to bring down Bangladesh's annual population growth from the current 2.6 per cent to 1.8 per cent. This effort is encouraged by such donors as the United States Agency for International Development (AID) and the World Bank. Together, they contribute much of the \$270 million that will be spent on the five-year population control plan, begun in 1985.

The government's main strategy to achieve this goal is to offer incentives of food, cash, and sari to poor women if they will agree to be sterilised — and to give similar cash incentives to government "health workers."

"We're really concerned with the lack of emphasis on safety in

the government programme," says Shareen Haq, a member of the group "Women for Women". "Many incentives for sterilisation are given to women who choose to be sterilised. Now, the government seems to think form of birth control is 'safe' if it's effective — in other words, that the woman definitely won't get pregnant. In that sense, sterilisation is considered 'safer'. But we're talking about real safety — about not jeopardising women's live for the sake of reaching a quota."

Naripoko first became embroiled in the population control issue more than a year ago after learning about a poor urban woman's death following a sterilisation operation. The woman did not receive a set of tetanus shots, which are usually given 21 days apart. The shots are considered necessary prior to such operations because villages often do not have properly sterilised surgical instruments. Apparently, Naripoko workers say, the health workers thought they would lose the recruit if they waited.

Naripoko representatives say women should be fully informed of all their options before they are given irreversible operations. In many cases, other birth-control methods may be more effective and more appropriate. And they want male sterilisation to be encouraged more.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Dukakis campaign stumbles

By Laurence McQuillen

BOSTON, (Reuters): Michael Dukakis, who portrays himself as a meticulous manager, approached the final drive for the White House with a campaign suddenly snagged by message problems, logistical confusion and a general sense of things going wrong.

The Democratic candidate, whose well-groomed personal appearance reflects the orderly style usually surrounding him, had few things go right in the first full week of September.

"This was a bad week to run for president," said a frustrated campaign aide.

Problems

The week-long woes began on Monday when noisy hecklers and a faulty sound system prevented Dukakis from being heard in Philadelphia.

A day later, fights between anti-abortion protesters and Dukakis' partisans disrupted a second rally.

Aircraft problems plagued

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

BOMBAY'S film stars are well-known for shooting off all kinds of remarks, opinions, comments and even attacks on others in the industry. Their ill-judged remarks are published and quoted as if they were pearls of wisdom, though behind their backs people laugh at the limited knowledge and narrow perspective of these popular stars. The most they can talk about is their own small world of cinema and its rivalry, envy, mutual condemnation and of course the blah blah about their own roles.

And the stars don't seem to realize that their own words boomerang against them. Many times they are compelled to deny, withdraw or eat their own words. Often, what they have been quoted as saying some months ago turns out to be completely false in the light of what they actually do. Nevertheless, all these conflicts make interesting fare for the observers who are attached to the cinema. So the best thing is to take star quotes with a pinch of salt and keep our own comments reserved.

For example, the new face Sonam recently went full blast against the makers of *Aakbari Adalat*. "These Mehrahs don't know how to make films. Director Rajiv Mebra is a confused man. He could not even plan what he wanted in the film. Otherwise why should they cut out so many of my scenes after shooting them?"

In retaliation as well as in his defence, family chief F.C. Mehra said: "Sonam is no actress at all. It was very difficult to make her act. We never wanted to take her. She kept on

calling and pestering us to include her in the cast."

All this is not good publicity for an actress whose first two films have just been released and who has been accepted more for her scanty clothes than talent. She may scare off other producers if the wrong word spreads about her.

At the other extreme is Asha Sachdev, the old war-horse who has failed in films as well as in politics. For once, she sounded honest when she said: "My laughter is the saddest part of me. After so many years my tears have dried and turned into loud laughs."

Arrow

Dimple has been very inspired by her so-called women's lib films such as *Zekhani Aarat* and *Mera Shikhaar* or perhaps it is a shrewd way of promoting her films. These days she is talking like a champion of women's rights. "Men must not just dominate and get away. They must accept responsibility. They should respect the feelings of women. We have been oppressed a lot. I don't claim to be a leader. And in a country where people die of hunger, it is a silly drama to go on hunger strikes."

This last barb was obviously directed at Shabana Azmi, who goes on hunger strikes for the sake of hul dwellers but lives in

two luxury houses and makes trips to London and other cities for better health and fun.

Currently Shabana is keeping a low profile about her public life, as she has not much of a career left to speak of. But leave it to Shatrughan Sinha to make bombastic statements: "I don't belong to any political party. I am neither for the government nor for the opposition. I only belong to the public and nobody else but the public."

On the other hand Shatrughan also uses his clever humour to ward off awkward questions as to why he is acting in nearly fifty films at the moment. He says: "Look, I am an illiterate man. I can't count properly. Better ask the people who know."

Another actor who talks big is Rajinikanth. About his daily routine his favourite line is: "I go all alone in a room in my house. There are mirrors all around. I keep admiring myself. I jump, dance and make karate poses. This is nothing abnormal." Well, all this practice has not done Rajinikanth much good on the Hindi screen.

Pretends

Anupam Kher who is now being typecast as a villainous Mafia don or gangster says: "I have met many such people in real life and observed them. They are not like what we see in films in any way. They don't make faces and gestures, they don't laugh loudly and crudely. My character in *Karma* was loosely based on that of Charles Sobhraj. But films take a lot of liberties." Well, Anupam is at least frank in admitting that he cannot play his characters the way he wants. About his personal life too he is outspoken. "Both I and my wife Kiran have had previous partners. We married with an understanding to forget all that. And but have their earlier loves forgotten as well."

Sri Devi always pretends to



Mithun: no comments on Sri Devi ... or else

present a picture of innocence and will answer all difficult questions. (Usually in the same words of her questioner.) It is very common for stars to tell scribes: "Please you write out something for me in your flowery language." So the questions as well as the answers in most interviews are written by the journalists themselves on their desk-top. But Sri Devi often stumbles or gets stuck on any one high-sounding word and says: "Don't use all these big words. I am a simple girl. Ask me simple things." It only exposes her hypocrisy and the fact that most of her

interviews are actually fake. Consider what she said of "Nagini": "I am sure there was some supernatural spirit

Firoze Khan reacts angrily to the stories of his affair with a girl half his age. He sticks to the old line of being a happy family man. But he has been seen and also photographed with his young girl friend Jyotika, who he brings to some parties and functions. It is an open secret. What people are wondering is when he will give Jyotika a break in films. But then Firoze, like his brothers usually like to keep their women to themselves.

Would you believe there are still people who make terrible horror films. And they even give it names like *Murda* (corpse). There are also producers who can still sign flop hero Javed Khan for such films. Naturally they do need some charmers and cuties to support



Hema Malini: doing good business on the side



Meenakshi (left), the so-called intellectual, has a chat with Sri Devi, the bird-brain.

behind me when I was working in that film."

Meenakshi Sheshadri on the other hand is supposed to be a bit more intelligent. But whenever an interview is published, she and her mother first look at the photographs to see if they have done her justice. If they don't like the photos, they also don't like the interview and the magazine. Still Meenakshi keeps making profound statements: "If an actress has to make a long-term impact, she must live by her talent. After she is gone she must be remembered as an artiste for her roles and not as Number One or highest paid or most busy heroine." Perhabs, the grapes are sour for her.

Once Mithun used to talk

about his affair with Sri Devi and at one midnight party he even confessed a secret marriage with her. But now if anyone asks him anything about the Madras actress, he flares up and utters just two words: "No comment." He does that with so much venom that the questioner begins to see his old Naxalite (terrorist) image again. On the subject of politics, where he once actively supported a communal party, leading to riots, he now says: "It was all done for friendly relations. I have no intention to go into politics. I will keep miles away from it."

Similarly Vinod Khanna has sworn not to answer any questions about his estranged wife Geetanjali and children, and

whether they will return. He calls it "personal" and dismisses it. But if he is maligned for coming late, drinking on the sets, cancelling dates etc, Vinod puts up a very innocent noble front: "If I want to harass, why should I sign a film at all?" Producers come to me every day with offers. And about Prakash Mehra criticising him for not being in *Jadoogar* with Amitabh, Vinod says: "The whole script had nothing but Amitabh and Amitabh, what was left for me to do?" Prakash Mehra said he would change the script. But he did not seem honest about the whole project "away from it."

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Behind the screen

the whole project. Otherwise the *murda* (corpse) would not be able to stand.

Producer Arjun Hingorani first tried to run a consultancy service for film producers. When that failed, he advertised widely that big manufacturing companies could include their commercial products in his new under-production film, *Kaam Kare Karbani* starring Dharmaendra, Govinda, Anita Raj etc. He has promised that he will make the stars themselves praise the shampoo or scooter or TV set. Govinda has already started this trend by promoting



Amitabh Bachchan: leaning towards the left?

What does Hema Malini do on the side? Well nothing very sensational, but runs a preview theatre called Kadambari in Madras. It is always heavily booked. And she can have a steady income when there are no films in hand. But why in Madras? Well, it can remain private. And then, one can always settle down in one's own home town, finally.

Dimple had demanded Rs. eight lakhs for the role in *Shambhal* knowing that the tall one would collect a cool crore. But Meenakshi beat her to it by bidding for four lakhs and snatching the role. However it did

not do her any good, except making her look thoroughly foolish.

Firoze Khan with mystery girlfriend Jyotika, who is practically half his age.

By Smith

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

EXERCISE CAUSES BENEFICIAL CHANGES IN THE BLOOD

QUESTION: I've heard that your blood changes when you exercise. Is that right?

ANSWER: Regular exercise does cause several changes in your blood, but these are helpful ones. As you know, regular exercise reduces the risk of a heart attack by lowering blood pressure, lowering body fat and blood cholesterol levels and making the heart more efficient. The changes that occur to the blood also may have a role in helping protect the heart.

The major exercise-related changes in blood are a decrease in hemoglobin concentration, a decrease in platelet activity and an increase in fibrinolysis. These changes appear to reduce the risk of thrombosis, the formation of a clogging blood clot within a blood vessel. A heart attack is a blood clot within one of the arteries supplying the heart, so any reduction in the risk of thrombosis lessens the risk of heart attack.

While a decrease in the concentration of hemoglobin in athletes sounds like bad news, it is not due to a shortage of red blood cells, but to an increase in the amount, or volume, of blood plasma, the liquid portion

of blood. This increase in plasma volume is a good sign of aerobic fitness. Increased plasma volume makes blood less viscous, which may decrease the risk of thrombosis. Any reduction in oxygen-carrying capacity is offset by increased heart efficiency and sweating during exercise. The drop in hemoglobin concentration sometimes is called "athletes' anemia" or "pseudoanemia," but these are misnomers.

Regular exercise also appears to decrease the aggregation of platelets, the cells within blood that form clots. Platelet aggregation is the first step in the formation of a blood clot. Apparently, platelet aggregability decreased during rest to offset the slight increase in aggregability that occurs during strenuous exercise. This effect also may decrease the risk of thrombosis and may reduce the risk of heart attack.

The third way that exercise changes the blood is by activating fibrinolysis, the body's way of getting rid of old blood clots. This increase in fibrinolysis is greatest in those who exercise most, and so people who

are the most physically fit appear to dissolve clots faster than those who are less fit.

The key to all this is regular exercise, especially aerobic exercise such as running, cycling, brisk walking or aerobic dancing. The word "regular" cannot be stressed enough. To get the benefits of exercise, you must do it for at least a half an hour and at least three times a week.

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: Its cause is probably not infectious, although the symptoms often mimic that of a bladder infection, and although theories about its origin include autoimmune disease, collagen disease or allergic mast cell activation, no one clearly understands the etiology of interstitial cystitis. Yet the symptoms of frequent, painful urination and hematuria (blood in the urine) can be disabling to the sufferer of this disease, often making work, marriage, pregnancy or even travel to a supermarket impossible. No single therapy has been found that is always effective.

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HUMOUR

Howzat? The ins and outs of cricket

WHEN the youngest of three cricketing brothers from Australia, Trevor Chappell, bowled the final ball of a limited over Test Match under arm on instructions from his elder brother and skipper Greg, to Kiwi tailender Brian McKechnie at the Melbourne Cricket Ground the furore it raised all over the cricket-playing world matched something similar over 50 years ago in Australia, when the then British Empire, roused by the now historic 'body line' controversy, was nearly run asunder.

Of the first incident newspaper reported, "Good sportsmanship was an honoured Australian trait ... but all that has, to use cricketing terms, been hit for six."

In the 1932-33 'body line' series the Australian Test captain, W.M. Woodfull, one of those injured by Harold Larwood, angrily stormed into the English dressing room and said to team manager 'Plum' Warner, "There are two teams out there, and one of them's not playing cricket."

What is this game that was invented by group of shepherds in an English field several centuries ago? Is still going strong, even enriching the English language with expressions such as, "It's not cricket."

It's quite simple really. You have two sides — one out in the field and one in. Each man in the side that is in goes out, and when he's out he comes in, and the next man goes in until he is out. Then, when they have all been in and are all out, the side that has been out in the field comes in, and the side that has been in goes out and tries to get out those coming in. Sometimes there are men still in and not out. Then, when both sides have been in and out, including not outs — and this happens twice over — that's the end of the game. It's that simple, although sometimes it has some people stumped!

The game of cricket, the earliest reference to which, according to Wisden — the cricketer's Bible — is recorded in the year 1300, when country boys bowled at and defended a tree stump, or the hurdle gate (wicket) into a sheepfold.

Yes, the all important thing about the game are the 'stumps', which are also called 'wickets'. Without them, there can be no cricket. When the two men in the middle who wear white frock coats, and are called umpires, go out, they ceremoniously crown the stumps with a 'pair of balls' which have to go down before a batsman can be out.

There are many occasions when a batsman may be down, but not out, as for instance, when he throws himself down with his bat within the crease, and is given 'not out' by the umpire.

Love

Trevor Bailey, the famous English Test all-rounder, who is a BBC commentator, once, before the start of play on the opening day at Lord's said, "The umpires are going into the field and they are wearing brand new coats that make them look like doctors." And John Arlott, the well known BBC commentator, quickly replied, "And they might well be, Trevor. After all, one of their duties at the end of the day's play, is to draw stumps!"

The same John Arlott, whose



great love and knowledge of the game is legendary, once said, "Described with brilliant simplicity as 'casting a ball at three straight sticks and defending the same with a fourth,' yet cricket is arguably — indeed beyond reasonable question — the most profound of all ball games;

The bowled ball will not only swing — and there is a distinct technical difference — swerve, like a baseball; but, after landing on the pitch, it can 'break' — change direction under spin, or 'seam' — go off at an angle by bouncing on the seam.

Bowling is graded from slow,

through slow-medium,

medium and fast-medium to fast; left arm or right; round or over the wicket. The technical ramifications of batting — forward or back play, and range of strokes so vast as to defeat complete definition may be employed as a counter.

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because the cotton threads in the seam absorb water, increasing the seam thickness.

A batsman may be bowled by a 'Yorker' — a ball that goes under the bat before bouncing — or he may be caught out of a 'snick' or a 'tickle' — that's no laughing matter for him. If he scores a pair of 'ducks' in the same match, he is said to have 'bagged a pair' and if he has the misfortune of being so dismissed to the first delivery he has faced in each innings, he goes in the records as having got a 'king-size pair.'

He could be 'run out,' 'leg before wicket,' 'out handling the ball' and even 'obstructing the field,' but there have been few recorded instances of the two latter.

Sophisticated fielding positions in the game range from 'silly leg' and 'silly point' to 'gully' and 'long leg' but to the dyed-in-the-wool cricket aficionado, these are very much part of his vocabulary. So he would understand if a 'no ball' went past a leg fielder for four 'leg byes.'

Cricketers today counts players and enthusiasts from every continent, but the unofficial world champions are the West Indies, whose approach to the game, which has been called 'Calypso,' has only been tarnished by the 'slow overs' rate of their battery of fast bowlers, at times only 10 six-ball overs per hour, and one which has been admonished by the 'Establishment.'

To quote John Arlott once again, "The game, in its instant form, can see top class performers produce a result in four hours. At the international level, the same men can play a completely indecisive 'draw' in five days."

When the game is talked about, the name of Dr. W.G. Grace is always mentioned with reverence. It was in May, 1878 that he led an England team against an Australian side at Lord's and lost to them by nine wickets. Dr. Grace made 4 and 0 and Spofforth and Boyle had analysis of 6 for 4 and 6 for 3 in the first and second innings. And the national calamity was recorded for posterity by punch with this quatrain:

*The Australians came down like a wolf on the fold,
And the Morylebone crooks for a trifle were bowled.
Our Grace after dinner was very soon done;
And Grace after dinner did not get a run.*

But when all's said and done, the game's the thing. And it goes something like this:

*The very noble game of cricket
Begins and ends with a wicket.
You hit and run, the hits ore runs
But then one bowls a maiden over.*

*When sides keep going in and out
That's what the game's all about.
A soaring hit that goes for six
Might be followed by hat tricks.*

*The umpires call the close of play
They all agree its been quite a day*

The teams go in, its been quite o game

*But for some it won't be quite the same.
These 'muddled oafs and flannelled fools'*

*Out in the middle use strange tools
A bat, a ball, gloves and stumps
And then one team comes out*

There's nothing 'underhand' about cricket?

admitted to law school. But there is nothing wrong with that. He's running for Vice-President — not for county judge."

"Bush knew he had the right running mate when he asked Dan Quayle if he had ever burned an American flag, and Quayle said he hadn't."

"Another plus of having Quayle a heartbeat away from the Presidency is that if he ever has trouble with Iran he can call up his father and mother and ask them to fix it."

"They say we should drop the stuff about Dan's background and deal with important things such as the economy and the Communist threat in Central America. But they always say that when the campaign isn't going well."

"The reason I would trust Dan Quayle to put his finger on the button in the Oval Office is that he is probably one of the best golfers in Washington."

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

around with Paula Parkinson."

"The question of influence should not be a political issue. You don't put down people just because they have a bigger Rolodex than you do."

"The trouble with George Bush is that he is taking all the attention of the campaign away from Danny. It's the vice-presidential campaign that deserves the people's attention."

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"I don't know what it

takes to qualify for Vice-

President of the United

States, but I believe once

you nominate that person

no one has the right to

embarrass him with a lot of

personal questions."

"Bush could have chosen

anyone he wanted for his

running mate. The fact he

picked Quayle without

checking him out means

Bush is his own man."

"Quayle may not make

the greatest VP, but at least

he'll look great at a state

funeral."

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the cotton threads in the seam absorb water, increasing the seam thickness.

A batsman may be bowled by a 'Yorker' — a ball that goes under the bat before bouncing — or he may be caught out of a 'snick' or a 'tickle' — that's no laughing matter for him. If he scores a pair of 'ducks' in the same match, he is said to have 'bagged a pair' and if he has the misfortune of being so dismissed to the first delivery he has faced in each innings, he goes in the records as having got a 'king-size pair.'

He could be 'run out,' 'leg

before wicket,' 'out handling

the ball' and even 'obstructing

the field,' but there have been

few recorded instances of the

two latter.

Sophisticated fielding pos-

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'silly leg' and 'silly point'

to 'gully' and 'long leg'

but to the dyed-in-the-wool

cricket aficionado, these are

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Key ministers to discuss market glut

Oil prices jump as OPEC talks planned

LONDON, Sept 14. (Reuter): Oil prices jumped today when OPEC said five key organisation ministers would meet in 11 days' time to try to do something about the latest glut in the market.

OPEC's Secretary-General, Subroto of Indonesia announced the September 25 meeting of the five-member pricing committee in a statement issued by the OPEC news agency from the group's Vienna headquarters.

Spot prices leapt with a cargo of typical North Sea Brent crude trading at \$14.42 a barrel. That was up more than 50 cents from Tuesday and \$1.50 since Monday.

Talks

Industry executives had urged the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to hold emergency talks to try to stop some members producing in excess of mandated quotas and flooding the market.

The announcement that talks will now be held coincided with the 28th anniversary of the founding of the once-mighty organisation.

US raises Soviet grain import estimates as crop falters

WASHINGTON, Sept 14. (Reuter): The Soviet Union will produce less grain than expected in 1988 and will have to increase imports, the US Agriculture Department said yesterday.

In its monthly report on world agriculture supply and demand, the Agriculture Department estimated the Soviet grain crop at 205 million tonnes, five million tonnes less than it estimated a month ago...

At the same time, it raised its estimate of Soviet grain imports to 27 million tonnes for the 1988/1989 marketing year, two million tonnes more than projected last month.

Less-than-expected yields for coarse grains including barley, rye and oats were responsible for the decline. Preliminary yield figures for crops other than corn have fallen below expectations in several key areas, the department said.

Production
The Agriculture Department lowered its barley production estimate by three million tonnes to 47.5 million the rye estimate by one million tonnes to 16.5 million, and the oats estimate by one million tonnes to 16.5 million.

The wheat crop estimate was unchanged this month at 91 million tonnes.

The department cited a September 7 Moscow television report that the 1988 grain harvest would be less than last year's 211.4 million tonnes, well below the 237 million tonne goal Moscow had set for the year.

The department's total grain import estimate of 27 million tonnes is five million tonnes less than last year.

Department officials said on Monday the outlook for 1988 US production of corn and soybeans declined only modestly from estimates a month ago, reflecting an easing of the summer drought.

Ceasefire will increase investments in Gulf

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept 14. (AP): Businessmen and government officials from the Gulf region held talks here yesterday to promote investment now that the Iran-Iraq ceasefire has taken hold.

The three-day conference, which began on Monday, is sponsored by the Gulf Co-operation Council, the Swedish Trade Council and the Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting.

"Companies that hesitated doing business with us during the war now should be more inclined to come," said Abdulla Al-Abdulla, assistant general-secretary of the GOIC.

Forty-eight Arab delegates are attending the conference, including Saudi Arabia's Minister of Industry and Electricity Abdul-Aziz Al-Zamil. Others came from Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Oman, Dubai, Bahrain and Iraq.

Among issues discussed at the conference was a tax-free zone for industrial investments in Dubai, presented by the head of the Jebel Ali free zone authority, Sultan Bin Sulayem.

Sulayem said 5 per cent of the area is occupied and an adjoining port only is used to 40 per cent of its capacity.

In the 1970s, OPEC drove the price of the barrel to \$40. But that stamped the West into energy conservation and a quest for alternative supply that created a glut.

Just this week, OPEC President Rilwan Lukman of Nigeria said there could be a repeat of a 1986 market crash when the price fell to \$8 if production was not curbed.

Warning

OPEC headquarters renewed the warning of a repetition of the traumatic events of 1986 in an anniversary statement.

"OPEC is making every possible effort to put its own house in order by encouraging all member countries to strictly abide by their assigned production levels," it said.

But it added that there had been "fundamental changes in the structure of the oil industry." Although OPEC was still "a power which cannot be ignored," other sellers had to help it.

The arithmetic looks ominous for OPEC. Its output rose to 20 million barrels daily in August,

according to some industry estimates.

That compares with actual demand for its crude around 18.5 million, the industry thinks, and with only about 17.75 which it should be pumping if members stuck to mandated quotas.

As a measure of OPEC's decline, in the late 1970s it produced a third more oil than now. Every drop was in demand.

Subroto did not say where the pricing committee which includes Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, would meet. But OPEC sources said Indonesia's resort island of Bali was likely.

Talks

Reports earlier this week suggested the Saudis were not keen on holding any meeting ahead of the next scheduled full OPEC conference on November 21. But Saudi Arabia, either setting the record straight or changing its mind, denied that.

Ministers of Indonesia, Algeria, Nigeria and Venezuela, with Secretary-General Subroto, are the other panel members.

They are empowered to call emergency talks of all 13 ministers if they judge prices are too far from OPEC's target.

Current prices are well below the proposed international pricing structure based on a "benchmark" of \$18 for average-quality crude oil.

But the committee, at its last meeting held in Lausanne on August 3, simply issued a statement deplored the weakness.

Since then, Subroto has toured nine member states pleading for output restraint. Subroto, 59, who was Indonesia's Oil Minister for a decade before moving to the secretary-general's job this year, is a much-respected negotiator.

Major problems include Iraq's refusal to accept any quota and the attitude of the United Arab Emirates which regards its quota as unfair. It produced 1.6 million barrels daily in August, according to industry sources polled by Reuters, against an assigned limit of just under 950,000.

Industry leaders outside

OPEC urged new efforts to curb production this week.

Norwegian Oil Minister Arne Oien was quoted by the Paris financial daily *La Tribune de L'Expansion* today as saying: "Oil prices can only go up if production surpluses are cut — that is, if OPEC members reached an agreement."

But that is not happening at the moment, so prices could fall below \$10.

On Tuesday, Robert Horton, managing director at British Petroleum Co Plc, told a seminar that OPEC should consider holding a ministerial meeting quickly. He said:

"Since OPEC controls so much of the world's oil, it is also asked to shoulder a unique responsibility for its price."

Meanwhile, Energy Minister Diego Tamariz said today Ecuador plans to seek an increase in its OPEC production quota, saying his government budget plans did not account for the recent decline in world oil prices.

Tamariz said the average price

Ecuador gets for its oil has been ranging between \$11.88 and \$11.55 a barrel, while the government's budget was calculated on an estimate of \$17 a barrel.

Tendency

"There is a certain weakness in the petroleum market that has accumulated in recent days, with a declining tendency," Tamariz said in a news conference.

Ecuador is one of the smallest producers among the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, although oil provides more than half of its export earnings.

The energy minister said Ecuador planned to ask OPEC to increase its production quota from 210,000 barrels daily to between 300,000 and 310,000 barrels.

Ecuador currently produces 310,000 barrels a day with special permission from OPEC, which ends this month. OPEC approved the temporary increase in Ecuador's production after the country suffered devastating economic damage from earthquakes in March 1987.

World Business Summary

India welcomes overseas investors: Venkataraman

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Sept 14. (AP): Indian President Ramaswami Venkataraman said yesterday that his nation welcomes foreign investors to enable India to modernise its economy, which he claimed had been liberalised considerably over the past few years. "India encourages (economic) collaborations and assures a durable partnership with a large market in a democratic and stable political environment," Venkataraman said during a lunch with Dutch cabinet ministers here on the second day of a state visit to The Netherlands. "With the gradual disappearance of shortages, India has liberalised its economic policies and encouraged entrepreneurs to go into diverse fields," the President said. And he noted that until recently, his nation had relied on rigid economic planning because "the transformation from a benighted agricultural state into a modern industrial one could not have been achieved without planned development." But Venkataraman warned that although India has "launched into sophisticated areas like space research... we still have to go very far, if we are to provide a fair standard of living for our teeming millions of population." Venkataraman also visited the Royal Tropical Institute in the Dutch capital, a government-sponsored research facility on development aid, tropical medicine and education in the Third World. Venkataraman's Dutch visit is the first stop on a four-nation European tour that also includes Finland, Czechoslovakia, and Cyprus. Before flying to the Finnish capital of Helsinki today, he will conclude his visit to The Netherlands with a trip to a wind energy complex in the northern Netherlands.

Air Lanka to provide more seats for Mideast workers

COLOMBO, Sept 14, (KUNA): Sri Lanka's national airline, Air Lanka, said they are working to meet the demand for increased seats by the labour sector on Middle East routes. An official of Air Lanka's operations department told KUNA, they are aware of the sensitivities of labour traffic to the Middle East and making every effort to give the best possible service. The official said that all of Air Lanka's flights to the region, except to Dubai and Abu Dhabi, are flights with no onward connections. "This means that full seating capacity is available to these countries," the official said. The official said an analysis of the airline's services to the Middle East from April to August last year and this year indicates a 50 per cent increase in seating capacity has been provided this year. However, the official told KUNA most of other airlines operating through Colombo to the Middle East extend flights to destinations mostly in western Europe. "They are therefore unable to meet the increased demand for seats to the Middle East due to their commitment to other destinations," he said. Last week officials from the state-run Foreign Employment Bureau and local employment agencies claimed they are unable to meet the labour demand to Middle East countries due to inadequate airline seats.

New taxation system flayed

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept 14, (Reuter): A Pakistani business leader said yesterday the government's new taxation system would drive money underground and discourage foreign investors. "The economy will turn black if high taxes are imposed," Tariq Sayeed, president of the Federation of Pakistani Chambers of Commerce and Industry, told a news conference. He denounced the system introduced by Finance Minister Mahtab Haq in his June budget speech, saying it needed a total overhaul. The system had complicated tax assessment and payment of refunds and shattered the confidence of the business community. Sayeed said. It would penalise both Pakistani and foreign companies. Sayeed said he favoured taxing agricultural income which is largely exempt in Pakistan. Pakistani and Western economists say one of Pakistan's major economic problems is the low level of its tax revenue, due largely to the political power of the farm lobby in this overwhelmingly agricultural country. In his budget speech, the finance minister said tax on income worth 51 billion rupees (\$3 billion) was being evaded each year and announced a thorough re-structuring of the system. He also declared war on income tax evaders, announcing stiff penalties including up to 14 years imprisonment. Sayeed asked Pakistani businesses to put pressure on the government to change its mind.

AMF revises lending policy

ABU DHABI, Sept 14, (Reuter): The Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) has had to revise its lending policy because of recession and falling oil revenues in Arab states, the fund's chief was quoted today as saying. "The fund has revised its lending priorities due to the current Arab economic situation, dwindling oil revenues and growing financing needs of states suffering deficit in their balance of payments," said Abdulla Al Quwaiz, chairman of the Abu Dhabi-based fund. He gave no details of the new priorities in the interview with an Arab bankers' magazine, carried by the official emirates news agency WAM. "We have modified the fund's lending activities to cope with the economic conditions in Arab states, especially in inter-Arab trade, technical assistance and training," he said. Arab finance ministers who form the AMF's board of governors approved in April a \$500-million scheme to finance inter-Arab trade. Half the capital was financed by the AMF while the rest is to be subscribed by Arab banks and financial institutions. The AMF was set up in 1977 by the 21 members of the Arab League in a step towards Arab economic integration.

OPEC emergency meeting

LONDON, Sept 14, (KUNA): The managing director of British Petroleum (BP) appealed here Tuesday to OPEC to hold an emergency meeting before November to steady oil prices. An oil price collapse would have "devastating" consequences for the oil-producing states and the world's long-term energy security, Robert Horton said during an energy seminar in Oxford, central England. In his address, Horton recognised OPEC's central position in the oil markets. He argued: "Since OPEC controls so much of the world's oil, it is also asked to shoulder a unique responsibility for its price." "In my view, this alone is good reason for OPEC giving serious thought to holding an emergency meeting before Nov 21," he added. The two months until the Vienna meeting could "spell a lifetime" for the oil industry, Horton claimed in a text of his speech released by BP. "OPEC's production needs to get in line with market demand sooner than that. Could not an emergency meeting help this objective?" He asked. The senior BP executive noted that there is no such thing as a "right" oil price, adding there is "plenty of room for discussion as to what price best satisfies the long-term interests of oil producers and consumers." Speaking less than 24 hours after prices hit a two-year low here he warned: "We have surely experienced enough over the past decade to know when the oil price is just plain wrong."

Saudis sell wheat to China, Moscow

RIYADH, Sept 14, (Reuter): The desert kingdom of Saudi Arabia exported over 700,000 tonnes of wheat to 30 countries including China and the Soviet Union in the past four months, government officials said today. Officials at the Grain Silos Organisation said Moscow and Peking were its biggest customers. Riyadh does not have diplomatic relations with either country. The officials said China received 300,000 tonnes of a 500,000-tonne order, while the Soviet Union had so far taken half of its 400,000-tonne purchase. The exports were made from existing stocks, officials said, and not from this year's harvest which is expected to top 2.8 million tonnes, compared to just 3,000 tonnes 10 years ago. Saudi Arabia became a wheat exporter following the creation of an incentive programme for farmers which pays them about 10 times the world price for their wheat.

Tokyo expected to tell other nations no need to change its monetary policies

Japan to attend IMF meetings with head held high

TOKYO, Sept 14, (Reuter): Japan will be going to International Monetary Conference in West Berlin later this month with its head held high, proud both of what it has and has not done.

Officials said it had succeeded in achieving what it has pledged to do in the past — boost its economy, the second most powerful after America's in the non-communist world, and reduce its trade surplus.

Speculation

And it has managed to do that without stoking inflation so as to avoid joining other industrial powers like the United States, West Germany and Britain in racing to the top.

"In a way, Japan has served as an anchor in preventing a chain reaction of interest rate hikes," said a Japanese official. "What is most important for

Japan now is to remain calm," Finance Minister Kuchi Miyazawa said last month.

A measure of Japan's confidence is its lack of concern about its poor economic performance in the second quarter.

Figures due just ahead of the Berlin meetings at the end of September are expected to show that the economy contracted in the second quarter.

Contraction

But Japan is not worried that its trading partners will jump on the figures as a pretext to press for more action to boost its economy in the drive to get it and West Germany to take up any slack in global demand for goods as the United States struggles to cut its huge trade deficit.

Nambra expressed concern about the recent rapid rise in Japanese exports and about the tightening supply of labour.

Figures this week showed that Japanese exports rose 18 per cent in August from a year earlier. Such rapid growth, if continued, could bring the decline in Japan's

trade surplus to a halt, some economists said.

The tightening supply of labour has been highlighted by figures showing 109 jobs for every 100 job applicants.

Rates

For that reason, Japan is likely to be slightly circumspect in Berlin in promising not to raise interest rates so that it still has that weapon in reserve in case inflation picks up.

Japan does not want to have its future monetary policies bound by any remarks it will make at the meetings in West Berlin, one official said.

Some private and government economists also worry that the stage is being set for a slowdown in economic growth next year because of a rapid increase this year in company spending on plant and equipment.

Oil ministers to meet next month

RIYADH, Sept 14, (Reuter): Six Gulf Arab oil ministers, including four OPEC members, will meet in the Saudi Arabian capital on Oct 16 to co-ordinate policies, officials said today.

The ministers from the four OPEC nations, Kuwait, Qatar, UAE and Saudi Arabia, will also discuss their positions ahead of the Nov 21 OPEC conference in Vienna.

The four states are members of a six-nation economic and military alliance — the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) — which includes two small oil producers, Bahrain and Oman.

GCC officials said the ministers would discuss oil and natural gas marketing and ways of stabilising oil prices.

The ministers are also expected to discuss a demand by the UAE to double its Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) quota of 948,000 barrels per day (BPD).

According to a Reuters survey, the UAE produced about 1.6 million BPD in August.

Industrial nations to weigh next rate and budget moves

PARIS, Sept 14, (Reuter): Officials of major industrial nations began talks today to weigh the need for any new move to pinch off inflation as fears of a world recession ease and more robust economic expansion seems in prospect.

The meetings of officials culminate on Thursday in talks by the core group of seven (G-7) nations to lay the groundwork for ministerial discussions at the International Monetary Fund annual session in West Berlin at the end of this month.

Discussion is likely to focus on the best response

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	196.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	MEREDITH	30/3	30/1	SC ATLANTA	12/1
ABBEY LFE	302.0	LASMO	567.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	MERRILL LY	26/2	26/0	SCOTT PPR	37/0
ADT LTD	128.0	LEGAL+GEN	304.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	SCOTTY'S	13/1	13/1	SEAGRAM CO	24/3
ALD LYONS	400.0	LORRHO	259.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	SEAGRAM CO	55/0	54/4	SHAW BROS	12/1
AMSTRAD	202.0	LUCAS IND	535.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	MONSANTO	75/2	74/5	SEAGULL AIR	12/1
ARGYLL GP	167.0	MAGNET	207.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GANNET OO	34/3	34/0	SEAL'D AIR	41/5
ASDA GP	146.5	MARSH+S	158.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GATX CORP	45/4	45/5	MORGAN JP	38/4
BAA	254.0	MAYWELL C	191.5	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	ATLANTIC R	81/0	80/4	MORT THIO	38/4
BTR	272.0	METAL BOX	213.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	AAR CORP	26/0	25/6	MOTOROLA	42/5
BAT IND	440.0	MEPC	532.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	ABBOTT LAB	48/7	48/2	MRSH-MCLEN	57/2
BARCLAYS	397.0	NIOLAND BK	598.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	ACME CLVLD	9/5	9/5	NA STR PAC	19/6
BASS	745.4	NEXT	216.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	ADV MICRO	11/4	11/3	NRSH-BUTT	22/7
BEAVER	172.0	NTH FOODS	258.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN ELECT	42/5	42/3	NEUTRAL TRN	22/5
BECHERS	454.0	P & O DFD	535.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GAF CORP	49/3	49/2	SHELL TRN	57/5
BERISFORD	375.0	PEARL	474.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GANNET OO	34/3	34/0	SHER PLOW	58/2
BICC PLC	335.0	PELINGTON	197.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GATX CORP	45/4	45/5	SMITH INT	58/5
BLUE ARROW	91.0	PLESLEY	149.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	ATMEN LIFE	51/6	52/1	SMITH SEC	48/5
BLUE CIRC	424.0	POLLY PEC	307.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	ANHARRON	16/5	16/4	SNAP-ON TL	36/2
BOC GP	400.0	RACAL	302.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN INSTR	30/6	30/6	SOURCE CAP	37/1
BOOTS CO	211.0	RANK HVIS	386.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN MOTORS	50/6	50/6	SOUTHERN	20/5
BPP IND	259.0	RANK ORG	645.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN NILLS	75/0	74/5	SPAIN FUND	58/5
BR COMM	222.0	RCKT IT+CO	867.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	ALASKA AIR	19/2	19/2	SPERRY AIR	11/7
BR AIRM	149.0	REDLAND	400.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	ALBERTSONS	34/7	34/4	STONE CONT	34/0
BR AEROSP	451.0	REED	411.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN SIGNAL	46/5	46/5	SUPER VAL	23/6
BR GAS RG	169.0	RYL BK SC	340.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GENEVA	0	0	SUPERVALU	23/5
BR GAS RT	165.0	RNC GRP	448.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GENEVA	21/4	21/3	SUREN RIN	10/1
BR LAND	318.0	REUTERS	457.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GENEVA	9/7	9/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
B.P.	241.0	RTZ CORP.	428.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
B.P. PP	142.0	ROLLS ROY	132.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
BR TELCON	233.0	ROTHMAN B	412.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
BURMAN OL	509.0	ROUTEMATE	365.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
BURTON	197.0	ROYAL INS	349.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
CABLEVISION	366.0	SAATCHI	349.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
CADBURY	346.0	SAINSBURY	203.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
CADS VTY	200.0	SCOT-NEW	329.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
COHN UNI	324.0	SEARS	126.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
COMS GOLD	032.0	SEDGWICK	221.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
COMPUS	246.0	SELL	993.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
COURTAULD	307.0	STEIBE	360.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
DALGETY	314.0	STOOGES ES	10.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
DEE CP	163.0	STD.CHART	502.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
DIXONS	154.0	STC	261.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
ENG CHINA	452.0	STORENS	174.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
ENTER OUTL	640.0	STUDIO	967.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
FKI BABY	121.0	TARMAC	221.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
FERRANTI	84.0	TATE&LE	828.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
GEN ACCIO	874.0	TYLR WOOD	597.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
GEN ELEC	156.0	TESCO	134.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
GLAXO	027.0	THEATRE	137.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
GRANADA	296.0	TSB	97.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
GLORE	139.5	TUN	173.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
GLYNTED	280.0	TRUSTHSE	244.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
GRAND NET	78.00	UNILEVER	458.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
GUARD RYL	176.0	UNIGATE	68.73	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
GIV	312.0	UTD BISC	268.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
GUINNESS	317.0	UTD HUSPR	385.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
HIMMERSW A	620.0	WELLCOME	479.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
HANSON	144.5	WESTBIRD	277.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
HARRIS C	620.0	WILLIAMS	262.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
HUKER SIO	503.0	WILLIS FB	234.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1
HILLSDOM	261.0	WINPEY GE	288.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	7/7	7/7	SUREN RIN	10/1
ICI	262.0	WOOLWORTH	258.0	BOSTON	44/6	44/6	GEN HOST	0	0	SUREN RIN	10/1

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR	IND	2,088.02	4.98	2,099.75	2,083.39
FT 30 ORD	1416.5	1409.8	1401.7	1433.2	1437.3	1437.3	0.00	1437.3	1437.3
FT 500 SHR	993.9	993.9	983.4	1020.0	957.6	957.6	0.00	957.6	957.6
FT ALL SHR	910.61	910.61	914.40	963.01	870.22</				

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, THURSDAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-16, 1988

International Bond Highlights

London—Mitsubishi Electric Corp is issuing a 300 mln dlrs equity warrant Eurobond due Sept 30, 1992 with an indicated coupon of 5 pct and par pricing, lead manager Daiwa Europe Ltd said. (RTZ 1035)
 London — The coupon on the 50 mln dlrs equity warrant Eurobond for Ichikoh Industries Ltd has been indicated at 5-8 pct, the highest indicated coupon on a four year issue this year, lead Yamalchi International (Europe) said. (RTZ 0926)
 Madrid — The European Investment Bank is tapping the matador market with a 20 billion peseta bond issue.
 London — Finnish Export Credit is issuing a 200 mln dlrs seven-year Eurobond paying 9-3/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. (RTXO 1454)
 London — GMAC Canada Ltd, a unit of General Motors Acceptance Corp, is issuing a 200 mln US dlrs Eurobond due Oct 20, 1993 paying 9-1/4 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. (RTXO 1458)
 London — Norway's A/S Eksportfinans is issuing a 100 mln dlrs zero coupon Eurobond due Oct 23, 1995 priced at 55.55 pct, lead manager Norinchukin International Ltd said. (RTXO 1505)

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
DN	10-1/2 1/4	11-5/8 1/2	12/18 12
FFT	4.80/90	4.90/5.00	4.95/5.05
PAN	7-5/8 3/4	7-3/4 7/8	7-7/8 8
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/8 3-3/8	3-3/8 3-5/8
BRX	7.50	7-1/8 3/16	7-7/16 1/2
ROX	10-3/8 10-7/8	11-1/8 11-5/8	11-3/8 11-7/8
AMS	5-3/8 5-1/2	5-7/16 5-9/16	5-9/16 5-11/16
TOK	3.7500 8125	4.3125 3750	4.1875 2500
ECU	7.18 7.43	7.43 7.56	7.56 7.68

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-11/16	6
3 months	5-7/8	6-1/8
6 months	6-1/16	6-5/16
1 year	6-1/8	6-7/16

BOMBAY

	PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	62	61.50	62.50	NICO	620	617.50	625
ACC	260	261	268	GRASIN	48.75	49	50	MUKUND	90.50	90	91
ASIA PAINT	171.25	172.50	172.50	GSFC	149.50	150	156	OKKAY	28.25	30.50	30.75
BAJAJ AUTO	285.25	286.25	288.75	HIND LEVER	71.50	70.50	71	PEILOO	30.50	29.50	30.50
BAI-RAYON	270	270	270	NINDALCO	106	107	106.50	PFIZER	60	60	60
BON-DYING	118	118	117	HINDODCOA	100	101.25	105	PRE-AUTO	31	31	32.50
BR. BOND	97.50	98	100.50	HINDMOTOR	28.25	28.25	28.75	RAYMOND	58	57	58
BSE INDEX	620.01	621.97	621.97	IND ORG	32.25	32	33.50	RELIANCE	187	188	186
CENTURYSPG	1040	1040	1032.5	INDRAYON	66.25	65.50	66	SIEMENS	85.50	85	86
COLGATE	266.25	265	270	INDROL	220	220	215	SPIC	44.50	45	45
DEPAKFT	37	37	37.5	ITC	47	46	47	STOMHILL	255	250	260
EI. HOTEL	49	48	51	JCSYNT	73	73.50	72	TATA PWR	222.50	220	225
ESKAYEF	135	133.75	137.50	L AND T	123.50	124.50	125.50	TATACHEM	78.25	78	79
ESSAR	18	18	18	MAHINDRA	65	64.50	65	TELCO	742.50	747.50	745
GAR. POLY	75.75	77	77.50	MASTERSHR	10.50	10.37	10.50	TISCO	891.25	896.25	898.75
GE. SHIP	29	29	29.25	MATHER PL	56	56	53	VOLTAS	352.50	350	355

EUROPEAN BRIEF

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1070	1100	MITSUB EL	960	940	PIONEER	3660	3670
AEG	203.0	202.7	AJJINOMOTO	2990	2960	2930	MITSUB EST	2320	2310	RENOWN	917	931
ALLIANZ VR	1630.0	1594.5	AKAI ELEC	595	595	595	MITSUB HVY	938	919	RICOH	1260	1250
BADENWERK	180.0	178.0	AKOI	930	935	935	MITSUI OO	855	841	SHIBUYA	1060	1050
BASF	265.1	262.5	ASAHI GLS	1970	1960	1960	MITSUKOSHI	1780	1770	SANYO	1100	1100
BAYER	298.7	295.0	ASAHI OPT	671	680	680	MITSUMI EL	1060	1050	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
BAYER HYP.	349.0	339.5	BANK TOKYO	1540	1540	1540	MITSUMI SE	1340	1330	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
BAYER VER.	344.0	338.0	BRIDGESTON	1290	1300	1300	MITSUB SEC	1700	1700	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
BBC	311.8	306.0	CANON	1440	1450	1450	MIP ELECT	2010	2040	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
BIF	437.0	431.0	CASIO COMP.	1420	1420	1420	MIP KOKKAH	739	718	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
BW	509.0	506.0	CHUGAI PHM	1620	1610	1610	MIP OIL	1100	1100	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
COMMERZB	233.5	231.0	CITIZEN W	921	933	933	MIP STEEL	763	742	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
CONTI GUINN	270.0	252.3	D-ICHI KAN	2850	2840	2840	MIP YUSEN	770	740	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
DAIMER BEN	693.9	679.5	DAI NIP IK	781	781	781	MITSUB HI	1100	1100	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
DEUTSC BANK	505.5	493.0	DAI NIP PT	2630	2620	2620	MITSUB HI	1100	1100	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
DIWAT	388.0	383.0	DAI NIP SC	4020	3030	3030	MITSUB HI	1100	1100	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
DRESDNER B.	273.0	269.7	DAI NIP TO	615	624	624	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
EWY-BACBORG	174.50	164.00	DAIBEL	171	188	188	MITSUB HI	1100	1100	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
FAT INDUS	504.11	495.99	DAIWEN	2280	2300	2300	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
FELDMEHL	278.0	274.1	DAIWA SEC	2280	2300	2300	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
GOLDSCHMID	297.0	297.8	EBRA MFG	995	945	945	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
HARPER	423.0	423.0	EISAI	2030	2040	2040	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
HOECHST AG	292.4	287.0	FUJITSU	1750	1770	1770	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
HOSCHN	153.2	153.0	FUJI BANK	3170	3150	3150	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
HORTEN	205.0	205.5	FUJI PHOTO	3510	3530	3530	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
HUSSEL HLD	444.8	441.0	FUJISAMA	1820	1880	1880	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
KALI SALZ	166.0	163.0	FUJITA CP	726	735	735	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
KARSTADT	445.0	442.0	NITACHI	1740	1750	1750	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
KAUFHOF	372.0	366.5	HONDA MOT	2130	2150	2150	MITSUB HI	890	890	SHIBUYA	1250	1240
KLOECK H	136.7	136.1	ISETAN	2140	2							

BUSINESS

Stocks marked higher

Dollar bounds on US trade figures

LONDON. Sept 14. (Reuters): The dollar shot up today on news of improved US trade figures for July and only fears of intervention by central banks cooled the rally, dealers said.

Also moving the financial markets was word from the Vienna headquarters of OPEC that key organisation ministers would meet on Sept 25 to consider what might mop up the present oil glut. Spot crude prices jumped.

The main market factor was Washington's announcement that the seasonally adjusted US trade deficit fell to \$9.5 billion in July from a revised \$13.22 billion in June. Most forecasts were for a trade gap above \$11 billion.

"It reinforces a trend that has been going on this year ... the trend looks good," US Commerce Secretary William Verity said in Jakarta where he was pursuing an Asian tour.

Firmer

The markets agreed and stocks were firmer while the dollar advanced strongly. Gold was steady.

The dollar touched quoted highs at 1,8890 West German marks, nearly four pennings above the day's lowest value, as investors scrambled for dollar assets.

But it eased later on fears that central banks might intervene and renew their heavy dollar

sales of the kind used to check an earlier rally by America's currency this summer.

For many nations other than the United States, a rising dollar spells higher import bills which would fuel inflation.

Action

Confirming the fear of central bank action, the US Federal Reserve Board contacted dealers to "inquire about market conditions" — a warning shot across speculators' bows.

And the dollar closed in Europe below its best at 1,8775 marks, although this was still a strong gain on Tuesday's London close of 1,8485 and its best since Aug 24. The dollar ended at 134.45 yen after 133.25 yesterday.

On stock markets, the news that America seemed to be making further progress in cutting its trade deficits was somewhat offset by new worries about inflation when it seemed that OPEC might at last be about to do something about weak oil prices.

Typical North Sea Brent blend crude oil traded during the day as high as \$14.45 a barrel, up from around \$13 on Monday, after OPEC said its five-nation pricing committee would hold emergency talks about the oil glut in 11 days' time.

Traders judge that it might act to stop overproduction by several organisation members

which has flooded market and depressed prices from OPEC's benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

A rally in US bonds faltered and this had a ripple effect on Wall Street stocks. At New York's midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up just 3.2 points at 2,086.34 after earlier rising almost to 2,100.

The performance of gold, investors' favoured hedge against inflation, showed how market sentiment was tugged one way by the oil news and another by the US trade figures.

These, in particular, showed that US imports fell 8.9 per cent to \$35.99 billion in July, as adjusted for the cost of insurance and freight. That suggested a consumer boom might be easing, diminishing the risk of inflation in America.

But gold was set for the afternoon in London's bullion exchange at \$421.50 an ounce, only slightly down from the morning. Dealers said the rebound in oil prices led players who were short of gold to cover their positions.

Gold dipped \$10 on Monday to 17-month lows when oil prices were very weak.

In London equity prices were steady just below the day's highs, as a strong start from Wall Street combined with growing speculative interest.

Dealers said the market was

hardly changed before Wall Street opened despite the resurgence in bid speculation. A much lower than expected US trade deficit spurred the rally.

AT 1533 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 9.5 points higher at 1,765.8, after briefly hitting 1,770.

The US July trade deficit fell to a seasonally adjusted \$9.53 billion, the lowest since December 1984, from an upward revised \$13.22 billion in June. This further eased concerns that the US economy was overheating and interest rates would have to rise again.

Enterprise Oil shares were up 75p to 636 on news Lasmo is to auction its 25 per cent stake in Enterprise, which it valued this morning at £450 million.

Lasmo itself continued to rise following yesterday's dawn raid attempt by British Gas. The raid, aimed at picking up 15 per cent of Lasmo, ended with British Gas holding 1.14 per cent of Lasmo.

Lasmo shares were up 15p to 559 on turnover of 8.5 million even though the company reported a 40 per cent decline in half year pre-tax profits to £12.3 million. British Gas was down 2p to 169. Enterprise has risen 20p and Lasmo 169p since Monday's closing.

ICI, 11p higher at 1,029, also owns a 25 per cent stake in Enterprise. When it acquired the stake for RHM.

two years ago, ICI said that until January 1991 it would not sell it unless the buyer was in a position to take full control of Enterprise.

Analysts see Lasmo's decision as a defensive move aimed at diverting British Gas' predatory attentions to Enterprise. Many, though, still think a full bid for Lasmo could come soon.

RTZ, 5p higher at 432, holds a near 30 per cent stake in Lasmo but needs Lasmo's approval to sell it.

Still, dealers today were speculating that RTZ would use the proceeds from such a sale to fund a possible takeover of English China Clays, a long-rumoured bid target. The talk was enough to push ECC up 16p to 453.

Higher

Ranks Hovis McDougal was 27p higher at 386 after a market rumour that Grand Metropolitan was seeking to buy Goodman Fielder Wattie's near 30 per cent stake. Analysts were sceptical over the rumour given that Grand Met is already embroiled in a bitter bid battle for Irish Distillers.

However, analysts noted that the proceeds from the planned sale of its inter-continental hotel chain, expected to be a bout £1.5 billion, would be enough to enable the company to cover the bid for Irish Distillers and make an offer for RHM.

Japan eases curbs on high-technology exports to China

TOKYO, Sept 14. (KUNA): Japan is easing curbs on high-technology exports to China, leading observers to believe that the latest decision and a recently signed bilateral agreement on investment guarantees will boost Japanese exports to China.

An official Japanese spokesman said eight items, including advanced computers and telecommunications gear have been dropped from the blacklist as of Thursday. The decision comes after a recent recommendation by Western industrial powers to ease restrictions on exports of advanced technologies to China.

Items

Officials here expect more items to be dropped from the list of banned export commodities to China when a liaison meets on Sept 26.

Observers believe that Japanese exports to the neighbouring Communist giant will double as a result of liberalisation of commerce, particularly the signing last month of an accord for the protection of investment in both countries.

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Dear Junior Readers,

You know I really cannot understand why I have received so little from you in the way of pictures, poems and ideas. I honestly thought that with all that time on your hands during the summer holiday, you would be only too ready to do something creative. Seems I was wrong! On the other hand, it could have been that the summer heat and general feelings of laziness put you out of action. Perhaps now you are back in the swing of things at school, you will be inspired and the cooler weather that is on its way will help to blow the cobwebs off those tired brains of yours! I certainly hope so! Remember what I said about making the Junior Times YOUR page.

By the way, the address of the newspaper is at the bottom of the back page — so you cannot use the excuse of not knowing where to send your work!

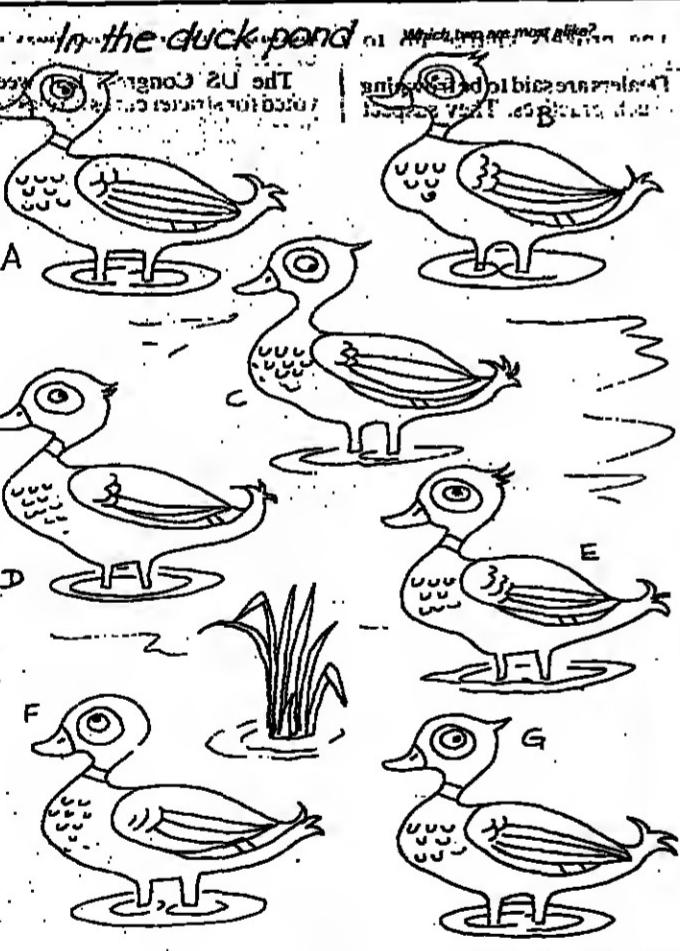
Auntie Joyce.

Happy birthday

Sunzy will celebrate his 4th birthday on 18th September. Best wishes and lots of love, Sunny, from Daddy, Mummy and Granny.

Solution to Tuesday's geography quiz

1. (i) New Zealand, (ii) Wellington.
2. (i) United States of America, (ii) Washington D.C.
3. An amphitheatre in Rome.
4. The Temple of the Athens on the Acropolis, Athens.
5. Kuala Lumpur.
6. Moscow, Russia.
7. River Seine.
8. (i) Corsica, (ii) St. Helena.
9. (i) Great Geyser, (ii) In Iceland near Reykjavik.
10. Port Said.
11. Istanbul... and it was originally 'Byzantium.' It is a town in Turkey but not the capital. Ankara is the capital.
12. Adriatic Sea (on Gulf of Trieste, but at head of Adriatic).
13. Copenhagen... capital and largest city of Denmark.
14. Hobart.
15. An island in the Leeward Islands in the West Indies. (St Christopher.)
16. A system of stars in the sky (galaxy). A luminous 'band' of very distant stars, not separately distinguishable to the human eye. We are part of this galaxy.
17. Russia (U.S.S.R.).
18. Malta.



ONCE upon a time there was a woman who was very unkind to her husband. She disagreed with every wish he expressed. If he said it was a nice day, she replied that it was horrible, but if he said it was a dull day she said it was beautiful. She contradicted every word of his.

Poor man, he did not know what to do to please her! One day he went for a walk in the woods and he met a little mouse.

'Oh! Little Mouse! How happy you must be!' said the man. 'Nobody to order you about, nobody to worry you so that you don't know a blade of grass from a barley stalk.'

'Oh! Man! How foolish you are! You have the sun, you have the rain and the flowers. You don't have to work hard to find the corn to eat. I wish I were you, Man. You are beautiful with your shaggy hair and your brown arms like the earth itself.'

'Now, I've never been called beautiful before,' thought the man, staring at the little mouse's fine silky fur.

'I will come and sweep your rooms and care for you, O Man,' said the mouse. 'I have long wanted to see a house where humans live.'

So that was why the little mouse went home with the man, nestled in his pocket. When the wife grumbled the mouse whispered words of encouragement. When the wife threw a plate at the man, the little mouse laughed and cheered.

'Don't dare laugh at me,' scolded the wife, and she did not throw any more things at the man because she thought he had enjoyed her anger.

But the little mouse, who slept in a corner of the kitchen, got up at dawn the

next day, and swept the floor and washed it with scraps of rags. She polished and cleaned, and made all bright and neat.

The man came down to make his wife a cup of tea, and he was surprised at what he saw. Clean cups were placed on the table, the teapot was shining, the tea-leaves cleared away, and the fire was laid with neat little sticks not much bigger than matches.

'Is it a fairy?' he asked. 'I used to believe in them when I was a child, and I think one has been here.'

Then the little mouse leapt on the table and bowed to him.

'Oh, it's you, my dear,' said he, stroking her fur. 'I might have guessed, but I didn't know you were so clever.'

But the wife grumbled more than ever. She thought her husband had done the housework, so she piled more labours upon him.

'You stupid man,' she cried. 'Why didn't you cook extra for me?' she asked crossly, and she threw the toast across the floor in her anger, as she saw her husband quietly eating his breakfast without her. 'Why didn't you call me? You've been very quick to-day.'

'It is a surprise for both of us,' he murmured, half laughing as he spied the little mouse under the table.

'Surprise,' echoed the wife. 'I'll surprise you. I'm going out to-day and you can look after yourself.'

She cooked her meal and then dressed in her best and left the house, calling: 'Now get the washing-up done, and the kitchen cleaned, and the beds made and all tidied up before I return.'

'Very well, my dear,' said the man merrily. 'You

The shrew



know that I have to go to my own work, don't you, to earn money for both of us?'

'Bah,' cried the woman. 'Do as I tell you!' She flounced out and banged the door.

'Never mind,' whispered a small voice, as the little mouse came dancing out of the shadows. 'I can manage, I can get my friends to help. You go off, dear sir.'

The man was a market gardener, and he went to his garden to dig and sow and gather fruit and tend his crops.

When he came in for dinner, there was a white cloth laid and a good meal was ready.

The mouse had made a salad, using all the sweet green plants she could find in the little garden, leaves the man had never tasted before, but all mixed together so beautifully that

it was a dish for a king.

The mouse sat on the table and she helped the man to his dishes, bringing from her pocket a small silver spoon.

'This spoon belonged to my mother,' said the mouse. 'It is enchanted. Everything it touches gets a taste of delicious moonshine and magic.'

'See,' she continued. 'I stir a bowl of flour and currants and it makes a delicious cake.'

As she spoke she made the cake, and the man took it for his tea, after giving a piece to the little mouse.

All afternoon he worked at his market garden, and this time the little mouse went in his pocket. She gave him good advice about his plants, and she brought him seeds of celeri and basil and other herbs for him to sow.

'When these grow you

can sell them,' said she.

'People like herbs and they will put them in their dull food to flavour the dishes.'

At last it was time to go home, and the man set off joyfully with the little mouse in his pocket.

His wife was there when he returned. She looked suspiciously at him.

'You managed to tidy up as well as go to work,' said she, sourly. 'I always knew you were lazy. But the house looks as if you have had somebody to help you. Who is it?'

'Wouldn't you like to know,' laughed the man, and the little mouse giggled in his pocket and tickled his fingers which were stroking her.

The woman was white with rage. She searched the house for some trace of the helper, but of course she found nothing. Not a footprint, or a finger mark.

Then she found the little silver spoon, which the mouse had left in a cup on the dresser. She picked up the tiny object with a cry of excitement.

'Where has this come from?' she cried, and the man sprang to his feet and tried to take it from her.

'That's mine,' said he. 'Give it to me.'

'No, it's mine,' said the woman. 'I will sell it and get some money to buy a new dress, for you never give anything.'

'Don't sell it,' pleaded the man. 'You know, my dear, you have all my money to do as you like with, and you can buy a dress with what I earned today. It was my lucky day.'

He brought a handful of money and put it on the table, and held out his hand for the spoon. But his wife would not let it go.

She made the tea, and stirred the teapot with the spoon, muttering to herself.

'Oh dear me! What has happened?' she cried, and she leapt down and ran off to the woods, leaving the spoon behind her.

Then the man took the spoon from his pocket and put her on the table.

'How did you manage to do that magic on my wife?'

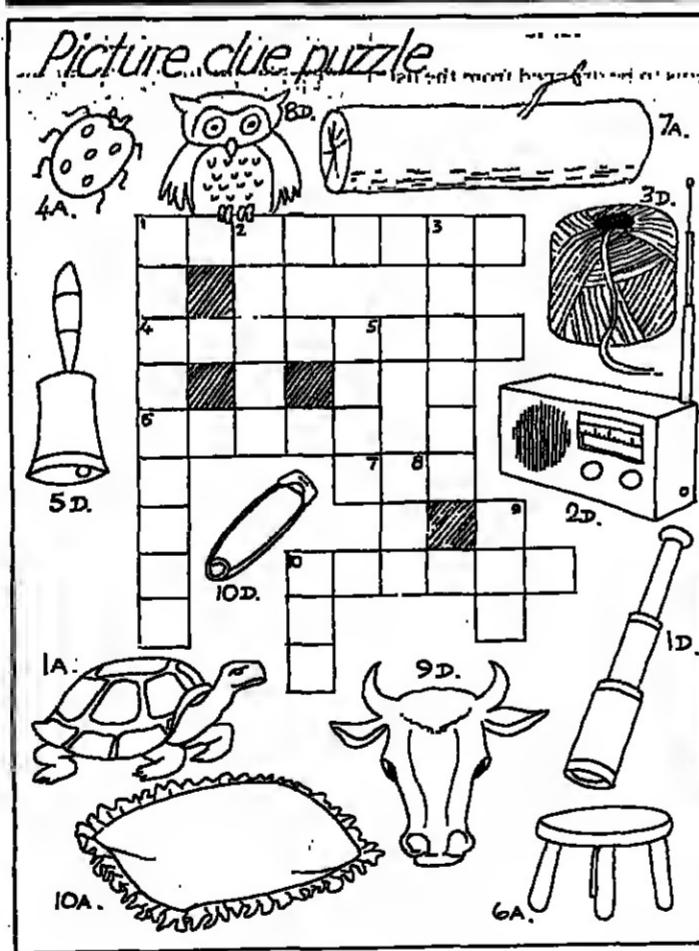
'It was the spoon, that can change man to his own character. Now your wife is a shrew-mouse, a fighting fierce little shrew, and she will find her match among the shrews in the fields and woods, for nobody will work for her.'

The little mouse took the silver spoon from the cup of tea and wiped it on her fur. Then she made a brew of tansy and lavender and rosemary and ferns. She stirred the faintly smelling drink with her spoon and whispered some words over it which the man could not catch.

She grew taller and taller, her fur turned to delicate white skin, her hair was long and golden. She was a beautiful girl who sat there, in a dress of flower-petals.

'Ob, lovely creature,' said the man, 'will you marry me?'

'Yes, my dear, I loved you the moment I saw you walking so full of sorrow in the woods. Your wife has gone for ever, and you are free.'



Ha! Ha!

What kind of party do prisoners like most of all?

A going-away party.

What did the psychiatrist say on a busy day?

It's like a madhouse in here.

Doctor, have you got something for my liver?

How about some onions?

Why do birds in a nest always agree?

Because they don't want to fall out.

Don't be afraid. This dog will eat off your hand.

That's what I'm afraid of.

JIMMY: Dad, may I have another apple?

FATHER: Another? They don't grow on trees, you know.

When did the first two vowels appear?

Before U and I were born.

What is the difference between a copying machine and the measles?

One makes facsimiles and the other makes sick families.

What do you get if you cross a giraffe with a dog?

An animal that barks at aeroplanes.

Why does a barber never shave a man with a wooden leg?

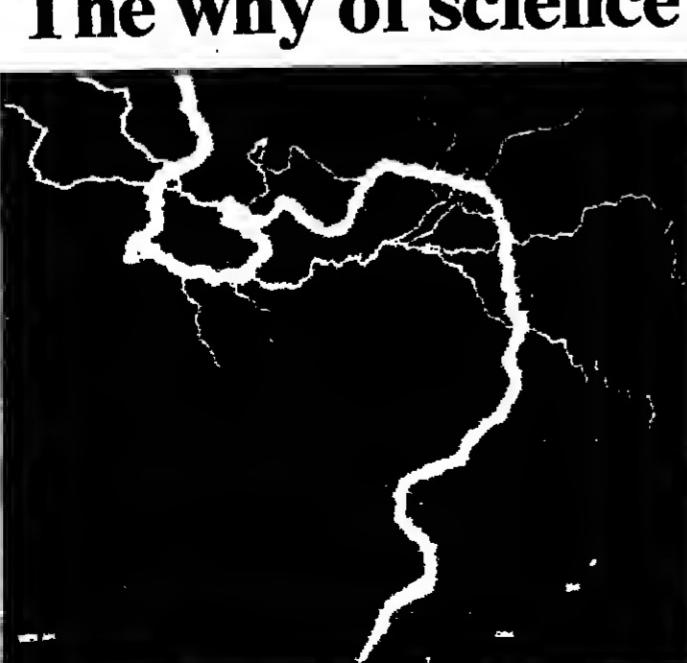
Because he always uses a razor.

Wally from Down Under comes out tops



Wally the wallaby is only ten weeks old, but he's quickly learning how to stand tall and look the world in the eye. Rejected by his mother, Wally is being hand-reared by zookeeper Angela Potter, who made him a 'pouch' out of an old sweater and feeds him six times a day on evaporated milk from a tiny bottle. She even takes him to bed at night to keep him warm!

The why of science



Why electrical charges form in the sky

The clouds which mass in the sky before a storm become charged with electricity through passing over strata of air at different temperatures. As a general rule positive charges prevail at high cloud levels and negative charges at low levels.

When the heavily charged clouds descend towards the Earth, the latter, through the phenomenon of induction, becomes charged with electricity of opposite sign. Two electromagnetic fields, often of very great extent, are thus formed. At this point the negative charges are strongly impelled to discharge towards the positive charges, because opposite charges attract one another. However the air offers a strong obstacle to the passage of electrical charges as it is not a good conductor of electricity. It undergoes a rapid process of ionization which creates conditions which permit the passage of electricity. An infinity of minute electrical charges erupt through that other phenomenon, thun-

der.

Why electricity is transmitted at high tension? The use of electricity has reached enormous proportions. Consequently there arose a need to transport electricity to ever greater distances. This raised a serious problem. Direct current had to be transmitted at the output voltage of the dynamo which

produced it, but because of the electrical resistance of the wires along which it passed there was a considerable drop in the voltage after a short distance. This meant that some of the power was lost along the way. It was not possible to reduce the resistance by increasing the thickness of the wire as this would have made the wires impossibly large and heavy.

To overcome these losses, the use of alternating current was introduced, as alternating current can be transported at the desired high voltages.

As the loss of power of electrical energy during its passage along wires is caused by the amount of current and as the carrying potential is equal to the tension, we are able by increasing the tension to transport large amounts of current using relatively thin wires.

At the points where the electricity is to be used suitable transformers are connected to reduce the voltage to a less dangerous level, such as 240 volts which is normal for domestic use in Britain.

Lightning passes not only from the clouds to the Earth, but also in the opposite direction, and goes, too, from cloud to cloud, although this is rare.

It is often followed by that other phenomenon, thun-

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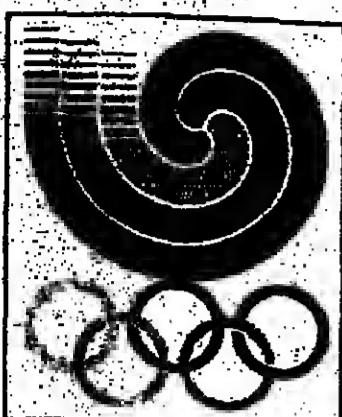
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LOUGANIS AIMS TO REPEAT LOS ANGELES DOUBLE

Lewis and Biondi to command spotlight

SEOUL, Sept 14. (Reuter): Two athletes, spurred by a single-minded ambition to show they are the swiftest humans on land and in the water, will command the spotlight in the Seoul Olympic Games which explode into action on Saturday.

Four years ago Carl Lewis realised his dream of emulating fellow-American Jesse Owens when he ran and jumped to four gold medals before a fervently patriotic home crowd at the Los Angeles Olympics.

Now Lewis is again the centrepiece of one of the most powerful US track and field teams ever assembled.

Never lacking in self-confidence, the 27-year-old American says he is stronger, wiser and faster than ever as he sets his sights on repeating his 1984 victories in the 100, 200, 4x100 metres relay and long jump.

Avenge

And this time his drive is all the fiercer as he sets out to avenge his defeat by Canadian Ben Johnson in last year's 100 metres final at the World Championships.

White Lewis exudes confidence, his compatriot Matt Biondi is modest in the extreme.

Biondi competes in seven swimming events of which the 50 metres freestyle is the quickest.

But he and his coach are quick to counter any talk of matching Mark Spitz's unique sweep of seven gold medals in the 1972 Munich Olympics.

"Ridiculous," his coach Nord Thornton said curiously when queried about the possibility of seven "It's impossible."

"I have no idea what it would be like to win gold after gold," Biondi said. "Because I don't



Louganis dives off a platform during a practice session. (Reuter wirephoto)

really see it as being possible."

The highpoint of the swimming programme could be the clash between Biondi and the giant West German Michael Gross in the 200 metres freestyle.

Gross's world record of one minute 47.44 seconds, set when winning gold in Los Angeles, still stands, and the usually dour West German has been in unusually chuffed mood here.

"I feel great," he told reporters on arrival here. "My training has been tremendous."

The medal that means most to Gross though is the 4x200 freestyle relay where he will probably swim the anchor leg against Biondi.

Four years ago Bruce Hayes held off Gross in an electrifying anchor leg to give the United States the narrowest of victories.

"This is the only thing missing in my record of success," says Gross.

The excitement and raw power in the pool will contrast sharply with the diving competition where Greg Louganis comes close to turning sport into art.

Louganis is aiming to repeat his Los Angeles double on the platform and springboard.

The first clash between US and Soviet bloc athletes since 1976 — as a result of boycotts in 1980 and 1984 — will be at its starkest in the boxing tournament.



The Olympic flame is lit at the Olympic stadium during a rehearsal. (Reuter wirephoto)

The volume of entries may force organisers to use two rings for the first time in the early rounds, although a final decision will not be taken until tomorrow.

The absence of East European boxers from the 1984 Olympic means little is known about their form, although the Bulgarians

are tipped to provide the upsets.

Cuba's absence from the Games also devalues the competition but inevitably the United States have produced a boxer tipped as the next world professional heavyweight champion.

His name is Riddick Bowe, he

stands 1.96 metres tall, weighs 98 kg and was a schoolmate of world champion Mike Tyson.

Boxing is certain to throw up colourful and controversial characters during its two weeks of action.

But inevitably they will be overshadowed when the athletes competition begins on September 23, six days after the Games' opening ceremony.

No athlete will be more calculatingly colourful than exotic American sprinter Florencia Griffith-Joyner.

Until this year Griffith-Joyner was known mainly for her vivid self-designed running outfits and her outlandishly long finger nails.

Potential

But she was also an athlete of the highest class with reservoirs of untapped potential as she showed this year by slashing the women's world 100 metres record with an astonishing run at the US trials.

Despite the presence of Lewis, Griffith-Joyner and other prodigiously talented individuals such as Soviet pole vaulter Sergei Bubka, the most dominant figure of the athletes competition could be a slight Moroccan with a track-devouring stride.

Said Aouita, the Olympic and world 5,000 metres champion, has dropped down a distance to the 1,500, traditionally the blue riband event of the track programme.

For good measure he has added the 800 to his repertoire and the combination of rare natural gifts and dedicated hard work may make him the first person to complete the 800-1,500 double since 1964.

Athletes psyche up for success with superstition

SEOUL, Sept 14. (Reuter): World Olympic 800 metres champion Joaquin Cruz of Mexico gets out of bed onto his left foot during the Seoul Games.

The Brazilian and his team mates are under orders from team officials to put their right foot first — morning, noon and night.

Why? "It's superstition. Getting out of bed, going into the residence, going to dinner, right foot first. It's for luck, for results," said Brazil's volleyball player Domingos Lamparillo. "It would be bad to put your left foot first."

All the athletes at the Olympic Games hope fortune, God or both will be on their side when it comes to competition.

But some do more than others to help things along. In Seoul's Olympic village, home of 13,000 athletes and officials, a superstition, lucky charm, prayer or ritual can be found to suit every culture, religion and sport.

Luck

Gabon's athletes have orders not to put their hands under the beds — it brings bad luck. Some competitors from Papua New Guinea carry rope charms and athletes from the South Pacific island of Tonga hope to draw strength from singing.

The team are planning a get-together with the Jets, a US-based Tongan music group in town for the Games, to psyche themselves up.

"The Tongans are very religious. One of the strengths they find is in prayer, singing and being together," said Bryan Harris, Australian acting president of Tonga's national Olympic committee.

"The songs are hymns but don't ask me what they mean because they're in Tongan and I don't understand," he said.

In Fabian, a 200-metre sprinter from Antigua who strolls around the village playing reggae music on a portable stereo set, has made up his own prayer for success.

"I pray and hope for the best and anybody who slips get licked (beaten)," is his personal chant.

Megan Donnelly insists on being the first member of the US women's hockey team to set foot in the penalty area. Teammate Yolanda Hightower feels best wearing dangling gold carriages and a necklace with a diamond-studded hockey stick.

"Once the referee made me take it all off, I actually played a bad game," said Hightower.

Britain's equestrian team are an equally superstitious breed. Horsewoman Virginia Long has worn the same boots since 1981 and has dubbed them "old faithfuls", while Jennie Loriston-Clarke has kept to the same socks since 1978.

The British three-day team won't wear anything greasy while riding in Seoul because they say that colour is bad news.

Shave

Swimmers also have their foibles. Many of the men, including American ace Matt Biondi, grow beards in the days leading up to races and shave off the growth with the rest of their body hair just before competition.

"It's part of the ritual. If you shaved your beard every day it would just be routine. But to do it on the day of the race is something special," said Canadian Stephen Vandermeulen.

Jon Sieben, Australia's Olympic butterfly gold medallist, says: "The first time you swim without hair on you it's like going through the water like a torpedo."

Organisers expect 17,000 athletes and officials to attend Games

Wilander and Bile to stay away

SEOUL, Sept 14. (Reuter): The Seoul Olympics lost two of its superstars today with the withdrawal of world tennis number one Mats Wilander and the world 1,500 metres champion Abdi Dilem.

Swedish team officials said Wilander, who won the US Open Sunday and toppled Czechoslovak Ivan Lendl from the world's top ranking, had pulled out with a leg injury.

He joined West German Boris Becker and Indian Ramesh Krishnan on a growing list of men pulling out of the first Olympic tennis tournament for 64 years.

Bile, a 25-year-old Somali who capped an outstanding season with his overwhelming World Championship win last year, is suffering from a stress fracture of the leg.

His departure leaves the 1,500-

metres, the blue ribbon event of track, open to an expected duel between favourite Said Aouita of Morocco, the world record-holder, and Britain's Steve Cram, who has run the fastest time this year.

Watch

Officials and both

Wilander and Bile would be in the South Korean capital to watch the Games, the biggest in the history of the Olympics.

It is the first time for 12 years that all the major sporting nations have attended, following politically-motivated boycotts at Montreal, Moscow and Los Angeles.

Organisers are expecting a record final tally of about 17,000 athletes and officials from 160 countries. Nearly 14,000 have arrived so far and already the numbers are causing problems.

Organisers wanted to stage boxing in two rings simultaneously and to limit the athletes marching behind flags at the opening ceremony. Both plans were scrapped after teams objected.

Seven countries, including Cuba, are staying away. Some are supporting a boycott called by North Korea, thwarted in its bid to jointly stage the Games.

One team that has registered but is having trouble attending is Burma — due to send two marathon runners.

The popular uprising in the country has stopped all flights into Rangoon. Team coach Aye Wio, who flew in advance to the Olympic village, said he did not know whether the two runners would arrive.

Games officials said 60 per cent of all tickets had been sold, with capacity crowds at the judo, swimming and gymnastics events. Seats were still available for athletics and more than a third of tickets for the first Olympic tennis competition in 64 years were unsold.

Weightlifters fail dope tests

SEOUL, Sept 14. (Reuter): Drug tests trapped cheating Olympic weightlifters from Canada and two other countries, an official said today.

Tamas Ajan, general secretary of the International Weightlifting Federation, declined to name the other two countries, saying

he would first have to tell members of his executive committee, which meets in Seoul on Friday.

The technical swimming committee of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) decided the neoprene costumes could not be used in Seoul because they might give an advantage in buoyancy.

Three Canadian weightlifters were dropped from their team before leaving for Seoul after tests showed they were using a banned body-building steroid.

A fourth Canadian, Kevin Roy, went home on Monday after failing a test.

Soccer may be forced to allow all professionals into the Olympics or risk being thrown out of the Barcelona Summer Games in 1992.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) agreed today to seek talks with the International Football Federation (FIFA) on the removal of all restrictions on players taking part in the Games.

Interested

FIFA has decided that from 1992, only players aged under 23 will be allowed to play in the World Cup.

But Will Daume, chairman of the IOC eligibility commission, said: "The IOC is not interested in organising a youth tournament even if FIFA wants to guarantee that the World Cup retains priority."

"We must prevent the Olympic Games from becoming a youth games. Nobody considers introducing an age limit in athletics. It would be better to have no soccer tournament than half of one."

To the Olympics starting in

New swimming costumes banned

SEOUL, Sept 14. (Reuter): Swimming authorities today outlawed new "skinskin-style" costumes Australia had wanted to use at the Seoul Olympics.

The technical swimming committee of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) decided the neoprene costumes could not be used in Seoul because they might give an advantage in buoyancy.

FINA rules outlaw any device which could aid speed or buoyancy. Wales said the swimming authority hoped to test the suit further to decide whether it might be used by everyone.

Sofia hits back at unfair lobbying claims

SEOUL, Sept 14. (Reuter): Sofia hit back today at charges of unfair lobbying the day before the venue for the 1994 Winter Olympics is chosen.

Delegates from the Bulgarian capital, strong favourite to win tomorrow's poll ahead of the three other candidates, Ostersund of Sweden, the Norwegian resort of Lillehammer and the Alaskan city of Anchorage, were clearly angered by critical media reports.

Pressure

Bulgarian National Olympic Committee representative Dimitar Ivanov denied Sofia had put pressure on International Olympic Committee (IOC) delegates to award it the event as a reward for Bulgarian efforts to prevent an East bloc boycott of the Seoul Games.

"We have done everything in compliance with the Olympic charter," he told reporters.

"There is not a single case like this. We have nothing to do with such reports."

E. Germans move into Olympic gear

EAST BERLIN, Sept 14. (Reuter): East Germany's awesome athletics team has clicked smoothly into Olympic gear with a series of dazzling performances in dreary conditions at the last domestic event before departing for Seoul tomorrow.

Thrilling encounters with the Americans and Russians are in prospect at the Games, the first Olympics featuring all three major athletics powers since 1976. The United States boycotted the 1980 Moscow Games and the communist world stayed away from Los Angeles in 1984.

Heike Drechsler was one of several key East German medal contenders who gave their all at a traditional farewell meeting yesterday despite buffeting cold winds and rain showers.

Record

There were season's bests in the men's discus and women's 4x100 metres and other mouth-watering results from three world record holders — Petra Felke with 74.62 in the javelin, discus thrower Gabriele Reinsch's 74.44 and shot putter Ulf Timmermann's 22.56.

Drechsler managed 7.17 metres in the long jump and then squeezed out world champion Silke Moeller in the 200 metres in a creditable 22.08 seconds.

"In the long jump, there is still some fine tuning to do until the Olympic finals. But the 200 went really well here," said the vivacious 23-year-old, who jointly holds the 200 world record of 21.71 with retired Marita Koch.

Drechsler has also jumped 7.48, the second best ever and could run in the 100 metres in Seoul too.

Sven Matthes, East Germany's only male Olympic sprinter, took advantage of a permitted two metres per second following wind to clock 10.14 in the 100 metres and improve his European junior record.

You have to be realistic and remember I was fourth best in the winter in Europe over 60 metres.

Now there are athletes from overseas and another 40 metres to run," the 19-year-old junior world championship runner-up said.

"But I still want to at least reach the finals."

For the hugely talented junior women's world discus champion Ilse Wyhunda, yesterday's meeting was bittersweet.

Tipped to the last of three places in the Olympic discus team by world champion Martina Hellmann, Wyhunda turned up undeterred at East Berlin's sportforum stadium and smacked

shed her junior world record with a first throw of 73.16 metres.

Not content with that, she threw twice more over 70 metres



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SPORTS

KARACHI WICKET EXPECTED TO TAKE SPIN FROM FIRST DAY

Pakistan set to take on Australia

KARACHI, Sept. 14, (Reuters): Australia and Pakistan begin a three-test series tomorrow on a wicket tailor-made for the deadly spin trio of Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim and Tauseef Ahmad.

Chief groundsman Bashir Ahmad predicted that the bald, brown strip at Karachi's National Stadium would help both wrist and finger-spinners from the first day.

Allan Border's team have come prepared for a feast of spin and will be looking to leg-spinner Peter Sleep and off-spinner Peter Taylor to provide a counter thrust.

A question mark still hangs over the fitness of his off-spinner Tim May, who dislocated the little finger of his bowling hand in a practice match last week. He returned to bowl seven overs on Monday.

Pakistan have little choice but to rely on spin as their two best fast bowlers, Imran Khan and Wasim Akram, are unavailable.

The National Stadium has an ominous history for Australia. In their 1979-80 tour, Greg Chappell's party lost by seven wickets here after a demolition job by Qasim and Tauseef.

Three years later Kim Hughes' side fared even worse, going down by nine wickets. Qadir took seven wickets and Qasim four.

Apart from these three experienced spinners, Pakistan have young leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmad in reserve. Still in his teens, he took six England wickets in an innings in a three-day



Qasim (left) and Tauseef: two of deadly spin trio



Tauseef (right)

match last December.

Australian manager Colin Eggar was undaunted. He told reporters this was a different and well-prepared side and he was

confident it could handle the Pakistani spinners.

Pakistan's manager Intikhab Alam also praised the tourists as a hard, fighting and well-knit

three-day games in Lahore and Quetta. Qadir and Qasim used themselves sparingly and the visitors were not unduly troubled by the bowling, declaring in all four innings.

The Karachi Test is the first in Pakistan since the ill-fated England tour last winter which turned into a war between the English players and local umpires.

In the absence of Imran, who opted out of the series saying it was the wrong time of year, the home team is led by star batsman Javed Miandad.

Karachi has a history of crowd trouble and the local authorities have taken strict security measures.

A high fence will keep the players away from the spectators, who are banned from carrying metal lunch boxes, transistor radios, bottles or fruit which could be used as a missile.

Teams

PAKISTAN: (from) Javed Miandad (captain), Mudassar Nazar, Rameez Raja, Shaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ejaz Ahmad, Salim Yousef, Abdul Qadir, Iqbal Qasim, Tauseef Ahmad, Saleem Jaffer, Mohsin Kamal, Mushtaq Ahmad, Aamer Malik.

AUSTRALIA: (from) Allan Border (captain), Geoff Marsh, David Boon, Tony Dohmen, Ian Healy, Dean Jones, Craig McDermott, Tim May, Bruce Reid, Jamie Siddons, Peter Sleep, Peter Taylor, Mike Veletta, Steve Waugh, Graeme Wood.



The Sierra Cosworth to be driven by Al Hajri.

Al Hajri to switch cars for Rally de Montagne

particularly in Kuwait where he was announced provisional winner but then lost the rally on a technicality. He now has 18 points adrift of Sulayem but is determined to fight to the finish.

"It means that I must finish first in the next three rounds in Lebanon, Oman and Dubai and Mohammed has to come home third or lower in two of them," the Rothmans star went on. "It won't be easy, especially since the Toyota has proved so reliable that it is almost invincible."

"But that can't last forever. We thought about conceding the championship, but we would have looked rather foolish if he breaks down or crashes out in one of the next three rallies. So we'll give him a good run."

This will be Al Hajri's first outing in Lebanon and he's really looking forward to it. "It's a very different kind of rally to the rest of the championship. I'm confident we can win."

In his first ever drive on tarmac, the Qatari beat more than 90 other competitors to finish second in the Galway International in Ireland, earning the nickname "Sidewinder" with his original adaptation of gravel tactics.

In between, the expected 65 entries will attempt to cover 30 special stages measuring some 300 kms in road sections.

With around 30 overseas drivers likely to make the start and the ever-threatening appearance of Michel Saleh in his Audi Quattro A2, it is by no means certain that either Al Hajri or Sulayem will win. The only sure thing is that Lebanon will host what promises to be one of the most exciting rounds of the series.

Lendl and McEnroe to play in Australian event

Nabisco Grand Prix super series event, which will run from Oct. 10-16 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

Cash, currently ranked seventh in the world, was beaten by Lendl in last year's final.

Other top-30 ranked players confirmed for the event, which is to be played on a synthetic plexipave surface, include American Tim Mayotte, Andres Gomez of Ecuador, Australian John Fitzgerald and Slobodan Zivojinovic of Yugoslavia.

SPORTS BRIEFS**Swedish Open**

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 14, (UPI): The Swedish Open Grand Prix tennis tournament, set for late July each year, has come up with a novel idea to regain the strong lineup it used to attract: hiring Mats Wilander's brother Anders as tournament director. Wilander, who won the US Open final against Ivan Lendl on Sunday, and rocketed to the top of the world rankings, this summer skipped the Swedish Open to rest, while most of Sweden's other top players stayed at Stuttgart, West Germany, instead.

Fans sentenced

ATHENS, Sept. 14, (UPI): Three young fans of soccer club Panathinaikos were sentenced to 28 months in jail for attacks and causing disorders after Sunday's match between their club and Olympiakos of Volos.

Baric resigns

VIENNA, Sept. 14, (UPI): One Baric, the Yugoslav coach of Austrian First Division soccer club Rapid has resigned after more than five years with the club.

Allen triumphs

PHOENIX, Sept. 14, (AP): American Louise Allen bounded back from a set in which she failed to win a game to defeat Beth Herr in first-round action of the \$100,000 Virginia Slims of Arizona tennis tournament. Allen beat Herr 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.

Rangi dies

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Sept. 14, (AP): Former New Zealand Rugby Union international Ron Rangi died last night at age 47, the New Zealand Press Association reported today. No cause of death was immediately available.

W. German Soccer

BONN, Sept. 14, (Reuters): West Germany first division soccer results yesterday.

Bayer U.	2	St Pauli	2
VFB Stuttgart	4	Nuremberg	0
Karlsruhe	1	Bochum	3
Hamburg	3	Bayer U.	0
Borussia M.	1	Stuttgart K.	1
Borussia D.	4	Hanover	0
Werder Bremen	2	Bayer M.	2
Kaiserauertal	1	Cologne	1
Eintracht F.	0	Waldhof M.	0

RESULTS of the Recovery Police Bridge Club Match

N/S

1. Sherif Beyrouti & Adel Beyrouti

2. Nabil Al-Ali & Nader Al-Ali

3. Abdellatif Dabbou & Salwa Al-E/W

1. Ali Inani & Amr Abdels

2. Qassem Khairat & Wissam Gherara

3. Dilekha Mukerjee & Stanley Ober

The Regency Palace Ladies Bridge Club will hold its first game of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 9:00 a.m.

The Messiah Ladies Bridge Club will hold its first game of the season on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 9:00 a.m.

Results of the Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Tuesday:

N/S

1. N. Shah & K. Zubairi

2. I. Meoiciu & Zusmani

3. S. Sand & S. Aurora

E/W

1. A.I. Dawi & G. Latif

2. Ravi B. & D. Pereira

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